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RSPCA starts investigation after dogs are removed from Barry property

THE RSPCA and the police launched a joint investigation over the weekend after two dogs had to be removed from a property in Daniel Street, Barry.

On Facebook, on Monday morning, the police warned people not to make inflammatory comments on social media regarding the case.

An RSPCA Cymru spokesperson told The GEM that its inspectors had responded to concerned calls regarding dogs "allegedly abandoned in a property in Barry on Saturday, July 1".

The spokesman said: "We attended the scene within hours of this issue being

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brought to our attention.

"One dog had already been removed from the property, and another was found inside. Both are now in the RSPCA's care and are being closely monitored.

"The RSPCA is now investigating the circumstances behind this incident."

A police spokesman said: "South Wales Police attended a property in Daniel Street, Barry, at approximately 6pm on Saturday, to assist the RSPCA with the removal of two dogs

who are believed to have been mistreated.

"The dogs concerned were removed from the address and are now in the care of the RSPCA, where they are recovering well. A joint investigation is under way.

"While that investigation is being conducted, we would ask that people refrain from making derogatory and inflammatory remarks about the matter on social media or approaching those concerned."

BARRY MAYOR WELCOMES HIS PERSONAL SCOUT TROOP



Councillor pays warm tribute to Ben Davies

A Barry councillor has paid tribute to Ben Davies, a Conservative official in the National Assembly for Wales, who died following a fall during his stag party in Greece.

Mr Davies (34) suffered head injuries, fell into a coma, and died on Sunday.

He had been due to marry fiancée Emily Russ in three weeks.

Local councillor Vincent Bailey was a close friend and the two of them went to support Wales in Euro 2016 in France.

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THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Nic Hodges, presented members of the Barry Mayor's Scout Troop (above) with their neckerchiefs on June 21.

The role of the Mayor's Scout Troop is to support the Town Mayor at civic events throughout the Mayor's term of office.

The civic events they take part in are the annual meeting, Civic Service, Remembrance Day Parade and Service and the Christmas Candlelight Service. Neckerchiefs are

presented to members of the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who have gained their gold award.

Presentations take place each year with the new Mayor who will present each member

with the Mayor's Scout Troop with a neckerchief. This role would be held for a year.

The Mayor would like to thank all those who attended.

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Cemetery Approach group's invitation

THE transformation of Cemetery Approach from an area of neglect to an open landscaped area is very welcome.

The gardens provide a dignified and tranquil approach to Barry Cemetery which remains in keeping with the vision of the founding fathers of Barry.

A warm welcome is extended to supporters of the campaign and to anybody else interested in viewing this much-loved amenity to come along to Cemetery Approach on Saturday, July 8 at 11am. Gareth Jones, member of Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, Barry.

New gardens need conservation plan

LIKE thousands of other Barry residents, I was delighted that the new Cemetery Approach Gardens have now been opened.

Ten years ago, the Vale Council backed plans for inappropriate housing development on this valuable urban open space, bequeathed to the townspeople in 1954.

There followed one of the most successful protest campaigns in the history of our town. More than 11,300 local people signed a petition condemning the plans.

Eventually, in the face of overwhelming public opposition, the council and the developers backed down. It proved beyond doubt that the

'people's voice', when raised, is heard loud and clear by the politicians.

Let us hope that with the transfer of ownership to Barry Town Council – which, to its credit opposed the housing plans from the outset, local people will be involved in the management of this area.

It is, after all, public open space.

Linked to the Barry Cemetery, perhaps a new conservation area to include the new gardens can be instituted, together with arrangements to ensure its proper upkeep and protection against vandalism.

Derek Hooper, Secretary and press officer, Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, Barry.

Monument is pristine again

THE committee and all members of the Barry Merchant Navy Association would like to give a big thank you to the Vale Council for giving the Merchant Navy monument a thorough good (dry docking) cleaning-up, after the weatherbeaten state it had got in to.

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Barry Merchant Navy Association committee and all members.

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Conservatives are just following Labour's plans

IT appears that 'Trumpism' and alternative facts have landed in the Vale, so I have to respond to today's cabinet report (July 3) that the new Vale Tory Cabinet is to spend 'new money' on resurfacing roads in the Vale.

They also claim it's their priority, but it was actually the Labour council that set that priority and

Cemetery Approach needs waste bins

ICAN see that this new Cemetery Approach area will settle down to be a pleasant space and hopefully, a calm and peaceful approach to the cemetery.

However, there are already plastic bottles, drinks cans and crisp packets fringing the grass. And worse, dog faeces on the paths.

Why aren't there waste bins?

I walk up to the cemetery or the playing fields most days and though I don't have a dog, have now started taking a 'poo bag' with me.

If rubbish bins aren't provided, the new road will deteriorate into a smelly insanitary dump.

The council told us we could use ordinary rubbish bins for dog waste, but there's no point if they aren't provided.

Mrs Bramble Coppins, Barry.

Shem and the semantics of 'anti-Semitism'

WHAT follows is not a political, religious or racial rant but simply a comment on semantics and, in particular, the increasingly common and annoying use of the term anti-Semitic when the writer or speaker clearly means anti-Jewish (which, by the way, I am not).

It has appeared yet again in the letters page of a recent edition of The GEM in a letter from Tim Draper of

Llantwit Major.

According to the Scriptures and the Oxford English Dictionary, a Semite is a member of any of the races supposedly descended from Shem, a son of that well-known Middle-Eastern ship owner and conservationist Noah, including Arabs, Assyrians, Phoenicians and Jews.

Such a definition clearly renders absurd a recent statement from a politician whose name I have now forgotten that all Arabs are instinctively anti-Semitic.

R C Thursby, Barry.

funded it accordingly.

This is not 'new money' but it is simply moving £500,000 that Labour set aside for resurfacing roads and pavements in 2018/19. At the same time, we put another half a million pounds in the resurfacing budget for this year, 2017/18.

All that is being done by the Tories is recycling the money and bringing forward money already in the budget, to spend this year. So, what happens next year when there is no money allocated?

The Tories also claim that the highways team will be using objective criteria to assess the roads most in need of repair but that is what they have always done – so no change there either!

It's also claimed that they have put money into Labour's Big Fill Scheme. They seem to forget that when Labour set the budget, we allocated £300,000 year on year until 2021/22 for this highway asset renewal fund i.e. Big Fill. Where is the new money?

It is also suggested in the report that extra money is put into the Harbour Road car park cycleway at Barry Island (phase 5), but that was actually agreed during the Labour council, before the election and was completed by March 31. So how can the Tories now claim it to be their decision and take the credit?

As far as bringing a three-year plan to cabinet in July – that is also usual practice. Look at the cabinet report July 25, 2016, where you find it.

Oh, and by the way, within that plan was the resurfacing of Queen Street and Island Road, so that was agreed by a Labour council too!

It appears to me that the new Vale Conservative council is trying to re-write history and claim things, not of their making. To date, their grandiose proclamations, appear to keep doing what Labour had already planned and budgeted for.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Labour Group, Vale Council.

GEM NOTE: (On road resurfacing, see Vale Council statement on page 10)

Question time for Alun Cairns

WILL our MP show he has the interests of his constituents at heart and join his Cabinet colleagues in campaigning to scrap the public sector pay cap?

What will he do in his extended break from the House of Commons if Theresa May shuts Parliament down for an extra three weeks?

Will he explain to us where the Government found an extra billion pounds to fund the DUP

vote rigging agreement, and how this is democratic?

Can he justify propping up this unpopular Government by jumping into bed with terrorist sympathisers and jeopardising years of peace in Northern Ireland?

Alun Cairns needs to answer these questions, as the Vale is now a marginal seat and as with Boris Johnson, he is likely to need to find alternative employment come the next general election.

Steve Reed, Rhosee.

Thanks to all involved with Barry Scout Fete

IWOULD like to say a massive 'thank you' to all who organised and volunteered at the Barry Scout Fete on Saturday.

It was a beautiful afternoon, not only thanks to the weather, but also the joy and laughter emanating from Romilly Park.

All volunteers should be incredibly proud of their efforts once again this year, with Jane Newcombe and Cathy Steel deserving a special mention for their fantastic coordination of the event.

"The park was packed with people of all ages, many of whom were passers-by who dropped in to join in with the fun."

I was hugely impressed by all of the children who took part in the day's proceedings including the wonderfully colourful procession. From Rainbows and Beavers, to Explorers, Scouts and Guides, all children represented their clubs brilliantly on this highly enjoyable day.

The Scout and Guides community in Barry is well and truly thriving! Congratulations to all.
Alun Cairns MP, Vale of Glamorgan.

Winning the seat is not winning the vote

HOW can Vale MP Alun Cairns claim to 'represent the Vale' as he claims in a recent letter to The GEM?

He won the seat but, by a clear margin, lost the vote: all the other parties took over 50 per cent, and Mr Cairns 47.

This would have been a clear defeat in Brexit democracy, but not in local elections.

He should not go to the Cabinet table giving Mrs May the impression that he has a 'united' Vale behind him. He has not.

David W Evans, Llantwit Major.

Thanks from Cancer Research group

ONCE again, the Cowbridge Committee of Cancer Research UK would like to thank Cath and Robbie Thomas for their continued support by hosting our afternoon tea event on June 29.

Our gratitude also goes to all who attended and to J R C Jewellers for their kind assistance and generous donation.
Annette Beaver, Cowbridge.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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08 Sat	06.54	9.0	19.14	9.1
09 Sun	07.31	9.2	19.48	9.3
10 Mon	08.04	9.3	20.21	9.4
11 Tues	08.39	9.4	20.58	9.5
12 Wed	09.16	9.3	21.34	9.3
13 Thur	09.51	9.2	22.10	9.2

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Council feedback for 'bewildered' gym that missed out on funding

AN Island gym, which provides free facilities to people with special needs and sports people representing Wales, says it is "bewildered" that Barry Town Council overlooked it when they handed out grants to local groups.

Guy Sillett of Barry Gymnasium Ltd, a

registered charity, which is situated on Barry Island, told The GEM he'd made an application for a grant and had been hopeful of a positive response.

Last week, the council considered requests for funding from a number of groups involved in areas such as dance, the arts and sports – but the gym missed out.

It's the third time it has failed to get funding – even though those

running the gym say it has submitted more information each time.

Mr Sillett explained: "We have people who come from Headlands School with special needs, and cater for young people as well as adults. We also allow people who represent Wales to train for free."

"We filled out all the application forms in the hope of re-equipping the downstairs of the gym."

"At the moment,

allowing 'freebies' is costing us around £5,000 a year.

"We're going to have to stop (free memberships) because £400 a month is too much." The gym subsidises pensioners and children, and doctors' referrals are only charged £1.

Mr Sillett had hoped the gym would get around £10,000 to upgrade the facilities. He pointed out that the gym, which is used by boxing world champion Lee Selby, had been part of the community now for 14 years.

A spokeswoman for Barry Town Council said it required more information in the submission for funding and that it had provided feedback to the gym.

The spokeswoman said: "Council members considered Barry Gymnasium Ltd's grant application at its full council meeting on June 26."

"When discussing the application, there was confusion as to what the request for funding was for as there was not enough information provided."

"The funding request was non-specific and asked for between £5,000 and £10,000 stating that 'expansion and growth is what we need'."

"Councilors felt that the application would be more feasible if it were requesting support to purchase a specific item of specialist equipment, stating the cost of that equipment, as the council could then consider whether to purchase on behalf of the organisation or to provide funding towards it."

"The council resolved to decline the application based on the lack of information and to give feedback explaining why the application was not successful."

The spokeswoman for the town council added that feedback would include advice on how the application could be improved for future consideration.

FAMILY FUN DAY

MOUNT Pleasant Baptist Church is holding its annual family fun day on Saturday, July 8, starting at 12 noon.

A spokeswoman said: "It is the ninth family fun day we have held. It runs from 12 noon until 4pm at

Victoria Park, Cadoxton, Barry.

"There will be fun and games for the whole family. Our friends from Fort Worth, Texas, are going to be with us again this year."

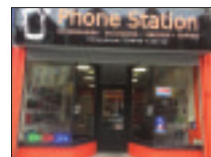
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Barry store will be backing Ty Hafan

THE Asda store in Barry has chosen Ty Hafan children's hospice as one of its 'green coin' charities, after being nominated by Barry councillor Richard Bertin.

The store's community life champion, Lynette Griffin, has informed Coun Bertin that his nomination Ty Hafan will be one of the chosen store charities for July, August and September this year.

Green coins are handed out to shoppers when they purchase their shopping for them to post in each 'chosen by you' container. The heaviest receives £500 while each runner-up gets £200.

Coun Bertin said: "I hope that shoppers will support the amazing work of Ty Hafan and help support their ongoing work."

Ty Hafan in Sully is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities and offers care to children and support for their families, in Barry and throughout Wales.

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Resident's fear after Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross attacks his dog

A RESIDENT of a block of flats in Barry has said he has safety concerns following a 'dog-on-dog' attack that took place at his back door.

Andrew Guy, who

lives at Cwrt Hortop, a development which runs along Main Street and Pontypridd Street, said a neighbour's Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross had attacked his dog leaving it "howling in the bedroom".

It had injuries to the

neck and eye, and had drawn blood. He had been forced to drag the dog off.

Mr Guy said he was worried about future control of the dog, particularly as it had been in the car park at the back of the flats following the attack,

once more off the lead.

He said: "It is threatening to the local community and I am worried about the safety of residents and children."

He said the police had told him that the offending dog should be kept on a lead, but that did not appear to be happening.

The GEM contacted Newydd Housing Association last week

explaining Mr Guy's concerns.

Jason Wroe, the housing director, said that because the dog had not been kept on a lead, the housing association had refused permission for it to be kept at its current property.

"We are currently supporting Mr Guy and liaising with the local PCSO to rectify this situation as the incident has caused great

distress.

"The offending dog at a neighbouring property has not subsequently been kept on a lead and therefore we have this week refused permission for this dog to be kept at that property."

"We urge Mr Guy to contact the police should there be any further incidents and we will also continue to monitor the situation."

Ramblers drink in the view at reservoir

NINE walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers joined Su G for the trip up to Llandegfedd reservoir, where misty rain was soon replaced by sunshine as the group set off to walk the reservoir trail.

Heading across the front of the reservoir, steps led them up through Cwm-bwrwch Wood and on by road and farm track into Sluvad Wood, to emerge into a field for morning coffee in warm sunshine.

Entering Pettingale Wood festooned with foxgloves, willowherb and head-high ferns, a sunken lane led to the road and uphill past Trostra Farm to more woodland at Twyn y Cryn.

A descent past Yew Tree Farm led them around the north end of the reservoir and along paths through lush green meadows, which are part of a conservation area owned by Welsh Water for the protection of over-wintering wildfowl.

They can roost and feed there without interference and the

reservoir is closed to water sports between November and March.

Returning through Pentre-waun Wood to the stylish new visitor centre, completed only two years ago, refreshments enjoyed on the balcony overlooking the reservoir rounded off a delightful day.

Ten walkers joined Joy the following day on an overcast morning which soon turned to sunshine as they journeyed up to Christchurch in Gloucestershire.

Heading downhill through pretty tracks in Highmeadow Woods, they crossed the Biblins suspension bridge and morning coffee followed on the riverbank in Herefordshire.

Joining the Wye Valley Walk, a steep path in Lord's Wood led them to King Arthur's Cave and through White Rocks Nature Reserve to walk lovely shaded paths on Great Doward, past ruined cottages and deep shafts left over from past industry.

Reaching the valley bottom, the one-man ferry pulled by hand brought them across the Wye for lunch near the Saracens Head before continuing along the riverbank.

Climbing through woodland before making their way down through sunken paths on Huntsham Hill and negotiating their way through shoulder high ferns, more climbing up to the Yat Rock earned refreshments at the log cabin.

Returning along undulating paths in Highmeadow Woods, the only shower of the day came just before the end of the walk and soon cleared for the journey home.

On July 8, meet at Penarth Railway Station at 8.47am or Cardiff Central by 9.06am to catch the Pentre train for a 12-mile moderate walk from Pentre to Craig Ogwr Abergwynfi then back to Treherbert for the train home; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

On July 12, meet at 8am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 16-mile moderate/hard mid-week walk in the Quantock Hills; contact William on 07528 701 952.

On July 13, meet at 6.30pm near the Colcot Arms pub, Colcot Road, Barry for a 4.5-mile moderate walk taking in the Highlight and Brynhill valleys; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Oak Field Primary pupils become DJs



YEAR-6 children became DJs for a morning to publicise their family fun day at Oak Field Primary School.

Able assisted by their teacher Mrs Jo Barnfield, children 'mixed on the decks' and played tunes while telling the resident DJ at Bro Radio all about the fantastic things that will be happening at their school fun day!

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'Cemetery Approach needs street lights!' says local group

A BARRY resident says Cemetery Approach, which has been under-going a major facelift in recent months, is 'beautiful', but needs proper lighting.

The tree-lined avenue holds a special place in the hearts of people in Barry.

At one stage, there were plans to build flats along the road, but the Save Cemetery Approach Action Group was formed and the area was preserved for future generations.

Tony Stanton told The GEM: "It looks beautiful now, but there are no lights at all."

"I was under the impression that the cast iron street lamps that were taken away were going to be refurbished and returned."

"It means that at the moment, at night, Cemetery Approach is a no-go area. It's just too dark."

"In the winter, it means that from around 4.30pm until 8am the next day, it won't be walked along."

Mr Stanton said that in the past people had been mugged there, and those out walking on darker evenings would stick to roads with street lights on them.

He said he wanted to see street lamps along the central reservation, and thought that trees should be

entirely removed on Cemetery Approach to make it more open, and to ensure that pavements were passable and not damaged in future by their growth.

Last week, a GEM letter writer with a different view commented that: "The trees look splendid in their new setting."

Coun Jonathan Bird, Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said the council was looking at additional lighting.

"The old cast iron light stands at Cemetery Approach were removed as part of clearance work as they were no longer serviceable."

"New landscaping, fencing, seating, planting and paving then took place, but work at the site is not yet fully completed."

"The area does benefit from a level of background lighting but we are reviewing the requirements for any additional lighting as part of our LED street lighting installation programme, which is due to commence shortly."



Ben Davies (left) and Vincent Bailey at Euro 2016.

Councillor pays warm tribute to Ben Davies

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They went to Paris to watch the Wales against Northern Ireland clash, and later attended the semi-final when Wales played Portugal.

They almost missed the first match and had to rely on the kindness of a stranger who drove them across Paris to get to the venue in time.

Coun Bailey said it had been an unforgettable trip with a person who was "a big character and impossible to replace".

He said: "Ben lived life at such a frantic and exciting pace and I'll never forget that trip. "It was always an adventure being around him. "I don't think any of us know how to cope with this, but my heart breaks for his fiancée Emily. "Ben was incredibly bright and such a big character. He will be impossible to forget, or replace. "It's a huge shock because he was a good friend and so young. "It's just terribly sad for everyone."

Two people rescued from Sully Island

ON Monday, July 3, Penarth Coastguard Rescue Team responded to an emergency when two people were up to their knees in water as they attempted to cross back to the mainland from Sully Island.

There is a traffic light system on the mainland which warns people of when it will be hazardous to cross, but in the past few weeks there have been a number of incidents.

A spokesman said: "Penarth Coastguard Rescue Team was tasked to get to two people on the island

before the causeway closed.

"We managed to stop them attempting to cross the causeway... up to their knees in water. They were met by Penarth Lifeboat Station and returned back to shore, all safe and well."

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Locals' plan to revive ancient tradition to preserve historic church

ST Curig's Church, Porthkerry has been serving the communities in Rhose and surrounding villages since medieval times.

In fact until the 19th century it was the parish church for Barry, a role for which its maximum seating capacity of 60 was ample! Like many historic buildings, it needs to be looked after for future generations to be able to enjoy.

The traditional way of waterproofing and protecting the walls of such a historic building was lime washing, something that was re-introduced at St Curig's as a condition of a grant that was awarded for its renovation some five years ago.

This grant has prompted local residents to revive an old tradition. Spokesman Graham Loveluck Edwards explained: "Back in those days it was traditional for all the people of the village to gather together once a year and apply a fresh coat."

"This was not just about protecting the building, it was a social event."

"Some would splash on the lime wash (a job that requires no skill – it's easier than painting) while others provided pies, cakes, a barrel of ale and hot drinks for the workers."

"As our 13th century church building is in need of lime washing, we are keen to rekindle this old tradition to get it done. The alternative is spending £15,000 the

church does not have on paying contractors.

"Here is a chance to learn a dyeing (or dying) craft, rekindle an old tradition and have a fun morning. Even if you have no connections with the church but are just interested in old buildings or traditional crafts, here is an opportunity to indulge yourself."

"We put up a list for people to sign at The Great Get Together on Sunday but really could do with more bodies."

"We saw the job being done at another church and it literally took from 10am till 1pm and everything was done before attentions could turn to the eating and drinking side."

"If you'd like to join us, we are holding this event at 10am on Saturday, July 15. If you have any questions or would like to put your name forward, please email your name and best contact telephone number to rhoosegreatgettogether@gmail.com or call Graham on 07711 118826."

Porthkerry church.



Getting to grips with lime washing.



WI get to grips with legal issues

AT the June meeting of Cadroxton WI, solicitors from Passmores gave members some excellent information on the making of wills and Power of Attorney.

At the end of the talk there was a question and answer session. The members who had their queries answered were pleased with the assistance they were offered.

Raffles were won by Kim Knight and Gay Fified.

On Wednesday, June 21, the GFWI garden party took place at

Margam Park and was well attended. Posh frocks and hats were the order of the day, and it was wonderful to see members in their finery.

Walking around the grounds was delightful, meeting up with friends from other WIs and viewing the wonderful displays of foods and table decorations which included everything from candelabras to champagne flutes.

Despite the heat, many members enjoyed the dancing.

Cadoxton WI meets every third Monday at Victoria Park Community Centre, Barry, at 7pm. For further details, contact 01446 404891.

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Protest group's 'warning sign' at council offices



The action group's sign outside the council offices on Holton Road.

THE Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) took its protest to the Vale Council offices in Holton Road.

It erected a red, triangular warning sign outside the main entrance which said: 'No Barry Incinerator'.

Campaign issues also took centre-stage last week at a 'When Barry Met Sully' meeting held in Sully on June 29.

A DIAG spokesman said: "There was an excellent night at the Sully residents' meeting with over 100 receptors

attending (humans to you and me).

"Everyone there, locals, politicians, even a professor, all seemed to be behind us. It was very informative and great to form new friendships."

The action group is campaigning against an environmental permit being granted to the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant at Barry docks because it said it could be hazardous to the health of local people.

The company says it would be strictly monitored by Natural Resources Wales through the terms of the licence.

'Beach yoga' for Romilly pupils

YEAR-2 pupils from Romilly Primary School took part in a 'beach yoga' session from Alison Jennings to celebrate National School Sport Week.

Alison used a pirate story to take the children through a range of yoga poses to build their flexibility, strength and balance.

She also told the pupils facts about their bodies and how they can look after them.

The session ended with 'relaxation', a 'winding down sequence to take the children to a place of calm and stillness'.

The school would like to thank Alison for this wonderful morning and helping the pupils develop into healthy, confident individuals.

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'Action required' at Rhoose Point

LOCAL residents have expressed their concern over the number of motorbikes and mopeds being driven on the public open space at Rhoose Point Lagoon.

As well as creating considerable noise disturbances so close to a residential area, there are also several safety issues at play.

After receiving several complaints from local residents, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited the site – and discovered the extent of the problem.

Claiming that he was "not necessarily expecting" to discover motorcycle users at the site, Mr Davies said seeing the situation for himself meant he fully understood residents' concerns.

He has therefore raised the issue with South Wales Police, with the hope of addressing the problem.

On a separate note, he has also

raised concerns regarding swimming in the lagoon, a former asbestos quarry.

The practice is banned under a council bye-law, but there have still been reports of people taking an unnecessary safety risk.

Mr Davies said: "When I received complaints from residents about motorbikes driving around Rhoose Point, I decided to pop down to the lagoon to see if there was a problem."

"I was not necessarily expecting motorcyclists to be driving around there and then, but there they were."

"This demonstrates that it is obviously a regular occurrence."

"This is both dangerous and a nuisance to local residents, so I have contacted the police requesting action be taken."

"I have also raised the issue of people swimming in the lagoon, which is very dangerous considering it's a former asbestos quarry, and would urge people not to do so."



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'Upgrade to Dinas Powys road might ease traffic problems'

LAST week, The GEM reported that campaigners for a new by-pass in Dinas Powys were more optimistic than ever that the project might one day get the go-ahead.

For decades, people have been frustrated by long traffic delays in the village.

Those delays affect the quality of life of people in Dinas Powys

and are also a frustration to people travelling between Cardiff and areas of the Vale.

The Dinas Powys By-pass Steering Group met top Vale councillors and officers and outlined three possible options for a by-pass route.

All start at an upgraded Merrie Harrier junction. One is similar to the previously safeguarded route coming down onto Barry Road near the entrance to the Water Treatment Works. The other two route options

go to the Sully roundabout, along Hayes Road and across Barry docks.

Peter Woodford from Barry contacted The GEM to say that one way of relieving pressure on the road out of Dinas Powys towards Cardiff and at the junction of the Merrie Harrier would be to upgrade Pen-y-Turnpike Road, widening it.

Pen-y-Turnpike road leads from Dinas Powys to Leckwith Road and further down, to the roundabout near Cardiff City Football Stadium.

Mr Woodford pointed out that a back entrance to Llandough Hospital could also be constructed.

He also favours widening Five Mile Lane with access to junction 34 of the M4, across the A48, to relieve pressure on the top road out of Barry and the busy Culverhouse Cross roundabout.

He said: "I've been in touch with Alun Cairns, Andrew RT Davies and councillors and they have pointed out it is a matter for the Vale Council."

The council has said the finding a solution to traffic problems in Dinas Powys will be a priority.

Derek helps launch new scheme

WITH the help of TV weatherman Derek Brockway, Valeways is launching a new 'Friends of Valeways' scheme with an inaugural walk in the Cowbridge area on July 15.

Mr Brockway, Valeways' honorary president, said: "I think Valeways does really wonderful work, very often unseen and unrecognised. As a keen walker and local lad, I know what a big contribution this charity makes to the community. "I'm very happy to be a 'Friend in Chief', lead their first walk, and I'd love to see as many people as possible join us as friends and patrons."

For 20 years, Valeways has marshalled thousands of volunteer hours to help create and



Derek Brockway with Phil Gibbins, the chair of Valeways Trustees.

clear pathways in the Vale, and it runs a programme of free guided walks, including strollers' health walks.

Recent funding cuts by the Vale Council mean that the charity's future has come 'under threat'.

"Our next move is to have a proper Friends Association, so that all those people who support our work, love the Vale countryside and take advantage of what we

do – including the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival – can make sure we keep going in our third decade and beyond," said chair of trustees, Phil Gibbins.

The cost of becoming a friend is £30 a year and to become a full patron is £100. For friends and patrons there will be lots of benefits; a yearly special event plus a themed annual Friends' Walk and also retail

discounts. Those interested can find out more on the website.

Mr Gibbins added: "We've always been much better at hacking back brambles, mending stiles and training walk leaders than publicising what we do. Our path-clearing programme with disadvantaged people, the stroller walks, enabling seniors and others to get out, exercise and make friends and our year-round walk programme all answer a very strong need in the Vale."

If you would like support Valeways' work, come along on July 15; refreshments will be available, numbers are limited and booking is essential, so contact Carolyn Gully at Valeways on 01446 749000 or go to the website: www.friendofvaleways.com.



Kay Clarke of the WASPI Vale Network was able to help local women with a 'stage one' complaints letter.

WASPI meeting at Old Post Office

THE WASPI Vale Network Work and Pensions with new WASPIs and exchanged stories – it's good to talk!

WASPI stands for 'Women Against State Pension Inequality' and the campaign is fighting for fair transitional pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s affected by changes to the state pension law.

Leading the campaign in the Vale is Kay Clarke. She told The GEM that she would be happy to organise further local meetings if people would like to get in touch with her.

Kay, who has twice joined WASPI protests in Westminster, said: "We had a great get together at The Old Post Office."

"We went through the 'stage one' complaints letter to the Department of

Work and Pensions with new WASPIs and exchanged stories – it's good to talk!

"We were joined by Camilla Beaven, who was Labour's general election candidate in the Vale. She has taken a great interest in our campaign."

"As the morning went on, we were joined by a few more ladies. These ladies had not heard about our campaign as they are not on social media. Sadly, this is the case for many women."

"I would be happy to arrange further gatherings for any ladies born in the 1950s who would like to learn more about our campaign or who would like help in the complaints procedures."

Kay can be emailed at clarkesblaujager@hotmail.com; for women interested in the campaign, the official website is: www.waspi.co.uk.



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'There is more that unites us than divides us' – a message for today

OVER the weekend of June 17/18 there were a number of events in the Vale of Glamorgan to celebrate the life of the Labour MP Jo Cox, who was murdered a year ago.

Her widower, Brendan asked us to celebrate her life rather than the manner of her death while she was serving her constituents in her local library.

Her message from the time she made her maiden speech in the Commons was: "There is more that unites us than divides us."

Over the past few weeks there have been many tragedies as a result of terror attacks and the horrific Grenfell Tower fire. These have prompted us to draw together in the Senedd and across the country to pause and reflect for moments of silence.

These moments also make us reflect on our relationships and responsibilities towards each other, our neighbours and communities.

None more so than those of us in elected positions who can and must respond. We have a responsibility to address the weaknesses and divisions that Jo Cox campaigned about so effectively.

At a local level we raised funds for Grenfell Tower victims at the inspiring Barry Jo Cox event, held at the Academy Coffee House, with amazing singing by local choirs and all those who gathered together.

As a result, over £350 was donated to the Grenfell Tower Trust Fund and £60 to the Jo Cox Foundation to support her charities. It was also great to hear of the funds raised for Grenfell Tower by the Cowbridge United Free Church with local choirs.

The Welsh Government responded swiftly to the Grenfell Tower fire with the Fire Safety in Wales Statement made by Cabinet Secretary Carl Sargeant AM on June 20. He reported on the first round of urgent discussions with all residential social landlords in Wales, identifying 36 blocks of flats of seven or more

storeys which are being tested. He said:

"Seven blocks in Wales have been retro-fitted with sprinklers – and of course where any new or converted high rise residential blocks are developed here, under the changes introduced as part of the Domestic Fire Safety Measure (Wales) 2011, they would be required to include sprinklers. The requirements were introduced for flats and houses on January 1, 2016.

"Installing sprinklers in new housing and as part of refurbishment programmes which some Welsh councils and housing association have already done, will go a long way towards minimising the risk of death and injury from fire."

An expert group has been set up with representatives from social housing and the fire sectors to examine all the lessons coming out of the Grenfell Tower tragedy and Carl Sargeant made a further statement this week to update on the results of his review. The Cross Party Equality, Local Government and Communities

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by VALE AM JANE HUTT
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Committee is also undertaking its own Inquiry.

Ann Jones, the Labour AM for the Vale of Clwyd received a medal from the US Fire Prevention Association in Boston for her world-leading role as a politician who secured life saving legislation for people living in social housing in Wales. Ann, who came from the Fire Service into the Assembly in 1999, pioneered the Fire Safety Measure for Wales bringing in the requirement for fire sprinklers to be fitted and the legislation was adopted and implemented by the

Welsh Labour Government. Thank you Ann.

This shows how important legislation can be for underpinning policies which make a difference to people, their families, communities and the economy.

The First Minister set out his legislative proposals for the year ahead in the Senedd last week. These include a law to tackle harmful alcohol consumption – this will make it illegal for alcohol to be sold below a set price. The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) Bill will propose a formula for calculating the minimum price for alcohol based on its strength and volume and enable local authorities to enforce the powers and bringing in prosecutions.

Legislation to protect private sector tenants was also announced – protecting tenants from unfair fees – which will stop landlords and estate agents from charging unfair, upfront fees to tenants.

Providing free childcare for working

parents will also be underpinned by a new bill that will pave the way for one of our key pledges to provide 30 hours' free childcare a week for working parents of three- and four-year-olds in Wales.

These were just some of the new Welsh laws we will be debating over the coming year with this year's legislation including two tax bills that have been passed successfully – the first for 800 years – on Stamp Duty Land Tax, Tax Avoidance and Landfill Disposals.

Implementing our programme of government and legislative programme as Leader of the House and Chief Whip has been my key commitment over the past few weeks that have been dominated not only by elections locally and nationally, but also by the events that are at the forefront of our daily news.

My guiding principle is to look for 'the common good' and to 'live and serve' by the principles that Jo Cox declared – 'there is more that unites us than divides us.'

THE VALE RAMBLERS SEEK THE BEST VIEWS IN WALES

THE Vale Ramblers' summer programme is now in full swing, with the Wednesday evening walks continue to be popular.

The wet weather of the last week didn't deter walkers meeting at Hensol Forest before enjoying a five-mile walk and skirting the edge of the golf course of the Vale Hotel and Resort.

Thanks to Ian Fraser and Margaret Scott for leading this enjoyable walk, which true to Ramblers form, finished off at a pub – the Farmer's Arms, Aberthaw.

The Sunday walkers met at Cowbridge Town Hall before making their way to Pencelli, a lovely village on the banks of the Monmouth/Brecon canal.

The walkers climbed a hill at the start to reach Llaneugan Church and after getting their breath

back, they made their way across the fields to pick up the path up to the Bryn.

Thanks to a clear day, the views made every step enjoyable. It was uphill all the way – the ultimate goal was the summit of Carn Pica. Recent work by the National Park was very much in evidence, thanks to a new path which goes to the summit. The views afforded the group some of the best in south Wales.

The descent was beside Nant y Llamerch, steeply down over rough ground, to reach the farm below. They made their way through the forest to meet the Usk Valley Trail, heading north across fields until the track led back to the cars and a well-earned drink at a local hostelry.

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£1m to be spent on road resurfacing in the Vale



One of the Vale's potholes being repaired.

THE Vale Council is to bring forward £500,000 of spending to undertake additional much-needed highway maintenance.

If new spending plans to be considered next week are approved, this would bring the total due to be spent on resurfacing in 2017/18 to at least £1m.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the council, said: "There is clearly a greater need for resurfacing roads and pavements throughout the Vale than was allowed for in the spending programme previously agreed. This is why I have established this new road resurfacing fund."

"This is an area of the council's work that we know to be one of residents' top priorities, and so in addition to bringing funding forward, I am commissioning a review of future funding arrangements for highway repairs."

"In the report to cabinet, I will also be indicating my intention to set an additional £500,000 aside to continue the successful Big Fill initiative into 2018/19."

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "This acceleration of planned resurfacing and further consideration of plans is greatly needed and with the current backlog of repairs in the Vale, it was imperative that this council acted quickly."

"The additional money will be spent wisely throughout the Vale. The highways team will be using objective criteria to assess the roads most in need of repair and so ensure that the areas that most need this investment will be those that benefit."

"I will be presenting an updated three-year highway maintenance plan to cabinet this summer setting out an order of priority for the enhanced resurfacing programme."

Additional monies have also been made available for Dinas Powys to Cardiff bus priority measures and the Harbour Road car park cycleway at Barry Island.

The maintenance scheme was one of a number of changes proposed in the Council's capital spending programme from 2017/18 considered at a meeting on July 3.



The winning team, Bob's Mob, with their prizes.

Penarth quiz raises cash for Cancer Research UK

PENARTH Committee for Cancer Research UK held a successful quiz on July 1, when 11 teams taxed their brains on subjects ranging from 'Quote or Misquote', 'The Johnny Morris Round' to 'Childs Play'.

It was quite a close contest, but the victorious team at the end of the evening was Bob's Mob, who were presented with a tube of Smarties each – as well as six bottles of wine to share.

A lovely selection of prizes encouraged supporters to invest in raffle tickets and there was also a 'clock in a box' fundraiser which will be running until August. An old fashioned alarm clock was wound up at the event and was then sealed in a box.

Periods of one minute

are available for purchase at £1 each and when the box is unsealed at a Cancer Research Garden Party in August, the person who has chosen the exact (or nearest) time the clock has stopped will win £100. Minutes are available to purchase from committee members or from the Cancer Research Shop on Stanwell Road in Penarth and will also be available on the Esplanade on the afternoon of Carnival

Day, July 15.

The evening raised £388 towards research into cancer. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and to the quiz compiler and question master, Alan Roberts, and his wife Liz, who kept score.

Many thanks to Ann Austin who came along and sold raffle tickets and last, but not least, a big thank you to the Penarth Conservative Club for the use of the Prince William Suite.

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Welsh voices recalled from Passchendaele

THE Friends of St Augustine's Church, Penarth, are delighted to be welcoming Dr Jonathan Hicks back to give another talk on

World War One.

His talk, entitled 'Welsh Voices from Passchendaele' is timely, as it 100 years since the outbreak of what Dr Hicks refers to as 'the most horrific of battles'.

The word 'Passchendaele' has become a byword for the death and suffering of the Great War. A remorseless slog by Allied soldiers up towards the village itself, through mud, rain, cold, and dead bodies.

By the time the fighting in this sector paused on November 10, 1917, hundreds of thousands of men on both sides had been killed or wounded.

The landscape was scarred and desolate, and the men who fought there and survived would never forget the experience.

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of a new book *The Welsh at Passchendaele*, which brings together the personal experiences, poignant stories, vivid accounts and photographs of soldiers who fought at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 in the battalions of the Welsh regiments and their supporting detachments, as well as those men of Welsh origin who served in other regiments.

Dr Hicks will explore some of these stories in this illustrated talk and signed copies of his book will also be available.

The talk will be held on Saturday, July 8 at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth. Tickets are £5 (£4 for Friends of St Augustine's) and can be bought from Griffins Books or by calling 02920 707828. This event is part of the Penarth Book Festival.

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Time for the Vale Photographic Club to look ahead

ALTHOUGH June marks the end of the annual meeting programme for Vale Photographic Club, members can look ahead to our summer photo challenge programme consisting of weekly topics to be interpreted photographically.

The club's website provides a key role in receiving members' digital entries, displaying them to all members and offers a fun voting facility.

Possibly by way of preparation, the meeting in the last week of the month was a practical evening entitled 'Duel of the Lenses,' in which members had a chance to experiment with how lenses of various focal lengths recorded a selection of set subjects.

They have now perfected such sessions to allow taking the

pictures on the night, loading them onto computer and projecting for collective viewing and discussion.

During the month, this year's annual cycle race was covered, which starts and ends in Cowbridge and which provided several members with a different photographic opportunity on our doorstep.

The meetings were also put to good use as members practised designing a 'road-show' in which images were displayed of favourite subject matter entitled 'Why we do what we do' and will be taken to sister clubs in the future.

June is also an important month for the club to consider its forthcoming programme at the AGM. As well as reports about the past year from officers, a new committee of both experienced and new members was elected.

For further information about the club, visit the website at <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk> or simply turn up to a club evening, every Friday from September to June at 7.15pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

News from Penarth Aviation Society



Penarth Aviation Society at Carew-Cheriton. All photos courtesy of David Ephraim.

ON June 15 a group from Penarth Aviation Society paid a visit to two museums in the Pembroke Dock area.

Our first port of call was to the Sunderland Trust, located in the Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre. Here we were told all about the history of Pembroke Dock and its importance in the Battle of the Atlantic.

We were able to see various artefacts recovered from Sunderland Flying Boat No T9044 which sank in 1940. The trust volunteers were able to answer all our questions about the Sunderland and the recovery operations, which are ongoing. A very interesting morning in a superb setting.

Following lunch we then moved to the Carew-Cheriton Airfield and its control tower.

This too is manned by a dedicated group of enthusiastic volunteers who have re-created the atmosphere of a World War Two airbase. Not only does the site have a wealth of exhibits concerned with past conflicts, it also takes a valuable role in educating the current generation of school children about this era of our history.

The volunteers have a huge range of personal experience from the era and give profound, personal accounts.

We laid a memorial cross to the airmen from the base who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and then visited the control tower itself.

Altogether a most moving experience.

This coming Friday, July 7, the Penarth Aviation Society will be meeting at the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm when the speaker will be society member David Ephraim, who will be talking on the history of surveillance and espionage.

All through the ages man has needed to be aware of any activities by other people or groups of people; this may be just inquisitiveness or for darker purposes.

The military, for example, need such information to plan the oncoming battle; they could also find out information about the enemy numbers and developments. The talk will look at the evolution of the dark art of spying and information gathering and show how we are all subject to its beady little eyes!

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting to sample our hospitality.

Further information may be found on our website www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, and from our secretary Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.



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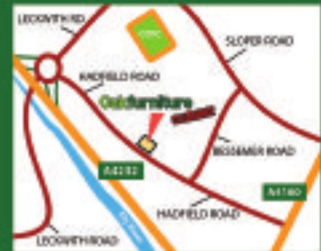
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Has Vale Council any wiggle room on LDP?

LAST week as The GEM was going to press, the Vale Council said it would be passing the Local Development Plan (LDP), but would do everything in its power to oppose the figure of 10,000 houses.

It said it was 'legally obliged' to give the LDP the green light because a Welsh planning inspector had declared it 'sound'.

Cabinet member for regeneration and planning Coun Jonathan Bird said: "We have made it clear in recent years that a target of 10,000 homes is too many, and we remain

absolutely committed to opposing inappropriate development in the Vale.

"We will continue to press for reduced housing targets. But it is my belief that having an LDP in place will better enable us to protect our green spaces from applications to develop. This is a battle that we will continue to fight."

The council argues that more recent data indicate the Vale doesn't need a total of 10,000 houses.

But is this a battle the council can win?

On June 27, Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs at the Welsh Government, wrote to Coun Bird, and her letter was read out at the full

council meeting.

In it, she insists the plan can't be changed, and the Inspector's report is 'binding'.

"I note your request of 23 June seeking my agreement to extend the time period for the adoption of the ...LDP by the council beyond the statutory eight-week time period specified in the Regulations. The reasons you give me are that the Leader, Coun John Thomas has expressed concern regarding housing supply figures in the LDP and their basis in historic population projections for the Vale."

"These are matters that have already been thoroughly considered as part of the independent

examination of the LDP. The Inspector's Report received by the Council (25 May) is binding. The Local Planning Authority may not question the Inspector's conclusions. The Local

Planning Authority cannot therefore raise any further matters after receipt of the Inspector's Report."

She then explained she would decline a Vale request to extend the

period in which the LDP had to be adopted.

It remains to be seen what possible avenue the new Vale administration can use to challenge the housing supply figure.

'Tombstoners' liable to fines or death warns council

VISITORS to Rhose Point are being warned that they risk fines of up to £500, serious injury and possibly even death if they jump off ledges into the water of the old quarry below.

With the arrival of warm weather, groups of young people have been gathering at the quarry and engaging in tombstoning - leaping into water from a significant height.

The Vale Council points out that people have died, been paralysed, sustained shattered bones and suffered other life-changing injuries as a result of this activity.

One local man remains paralysed after breaking his back during a tombstoning incident at Rhose Point just a few years ago and there have been a number of deaths at Cosmeston Lakes, another former quarry.

Among the dangers are rocks protruding from the uneven walls of the quarry, hazards

beneath the water surface, including machinery from the site's industrial past, and very cold water which can cause people to go into shock.

Miles Punter, Vale Council director of environment and housing services, said: "We are particularly

keen to encourage the parents of the young people involved to keep their children safe by ensuring they instead use Vale beaches where there is lifeguard cover."

"Swimming and jumping into former quarry areas is recognised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) as being inherently dangerous with many young people losing their lives in the UK over recent years. We are attempting to take action before somebody is either killed or seriously injured."

Police officers will be increasing patrols of the area, while the Vale Council has drafted in extra security staff to ensure the safety of visitors.

PS Mark John said:

"Tombstoning is extremely dangerous.

The byelaws in place at the Rhose Point quarry are there for a reason, and we will be working with our colleagues throughout the summer to ensure they are abided by."

"Alongside our partners we will also be clamping down on anti-social behaviour in the area."

Fences have been erected in an effort to prevent people from reaching elevated ledges of the quarry, though the council stresses its aim is not to discourage everyone from attending the area."

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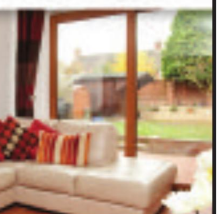
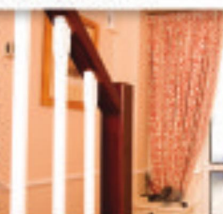


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Residents take part in National Care Day



RESIDENTS from a Cardiff care home and their friends and family enjoyed a fun-filled day as part of National Care Home Open Day last week.

Ty Llandaff, an all-inclusive care home which offers nursing, residential and respite care in Conway Road, Pontcanna, joined thousands of other care homes across the country taking part in the UK-wide initiative.

The idea behind National Care Home Open Day is to encourage

local people to visit care homes in the community and work together to build long lasting relationships.

Ty Llandaff, a private care home with 70 bedroom suites, opened in January and has the ability to accommodate people for nursing or residential care from the age of 18.

It also offers short-term respite care for individuals looking for a place to recuperate after surgery or illness.

The suggested theme in 2017 for National Care Home Open Day was 'friendship' so Janice

Evans, manager at Ty Llandaff, and her team arranged a free day of entertainment, including singer and pianists, and a buffet lunch with refreshments which was open to the local community.

Janice said: "National Care Home Open Day is all about connecting with the local community so we are very proud to have held our first one at Ty Llandaff."

"The day also gave us the opportunity to highlight what Ty Llandaff do within the Cardiff community. It was fabulous day overall."



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies showing his support for the Too Young For Arthritis campaign, with representatives from Arthritis Care, the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and the British Society for Rheumatology.

Davies backs support for young arthritis sufferers

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has given his backing to the Too Young For Arthritis campaign – to provide better support for young sufferers of the condition.

There is currently no specialist centre or service for children who have arthritis in Wales – meaning vital support for those affected in the Vale

is unavailable.

At an event in the National Assembly Wales, Mr Davies said: "Arthritis is seen as a condition that affects older people, but young people can be affected too. Obviously, young sufferers will have their own needs, and as such

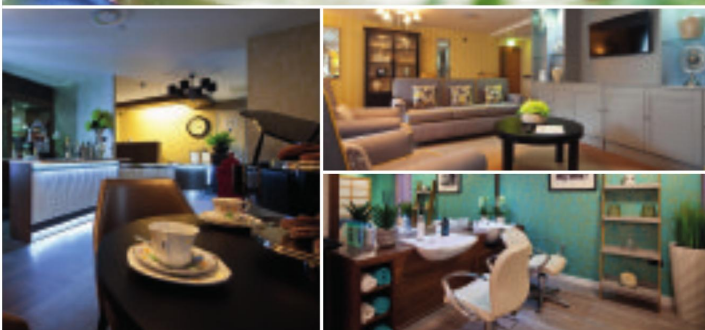
backed calls for better age appropriate support must be provided.

"That is clearly lacking here in the Vale at present, and so I am pleased to support the Too Young For Arthritis campaign to improve the services available in South Wales."

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'MY Floral Odyssey' is the title of a demonstration at the Barry Floral Society meeting to be given by Delyth Price of Llangadog on Tuesday, July 11 at 2.15pm.

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'Government not doing enough' on hospital waiting times – says AM

UKIP's Shadow Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Caroline Jones AM, has condemned the latest NHS performance figures showing that over 2,300 people waited more than 12 hours in Welsh Accident and Emergency departments last month.

However, A Welsh Government spokesperson hit back, saying that the UKIP AM was suggesting something that was not the case.

Commenting on the waiting times, Ms Jones said: "Nobody should have to wait more than 12 hours in A&E yet here in Wales, we saw thousands of people do just that."

"Welsh Government are simply not doing enough to get to grips with A&E waiting times."

"We still have over 400 delayed transfers of care, which limits the number of available hospital beds, numbers which were heavily reduced by successive Welsh Labour Governments."

"We are operating a bed occupancy rate of well over 86 per cent, which limits the number of emergency admissions and leads to patients spending half a day waiting in A&E for treatment."

"We spend nearly half the Welsh Block Grant on health, but the Welsh Government can't get the basics right."

"We need to increase the number

of available beds by reopening community hospitals and co-locating primary care centres at A&E in order to relieve the pressure on our Accident and Emergency departments."

"We can't have thousands of people waiting for 12 hours or more for treatment, if we don't get to grips with this now, in the summer months, how much worse will things be in the winter?"

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "It is important to note that patients are not waiting for 12 hours or more for treatment as UKIP wrongly suggest."

"A patient's length of stay in an Emergency Department is recorded from arrival until admission to a bed or discharge following treatment."

"Despite an increase in the number of people attending Emergency Departments, latest figures show the best four-hour performance since August last year."

"While there has also been a reduction in the number of people spending over 12 hours in Emergency Departments, we have been clear with all Health Boards that we expect this improvement to continue."

The British Armed Forces 'offer little to our allies,' CLAIMS MADELEINE MOON

THE UK's armed forces are being "bled dry" because the Government is not spending enough on defence, says Madeleine Moon.

The Labour MP for Bridgend, who joined the Commons Defence Select Committee in 2009, said in the Commons that British values "used to be espoused by the country's pride in its armed forces and their capacity to provide security around the globe".

She said the armed forces have been "hollowed out", accusing the Conservatives of "massive underfunding" of the military.

Mrs Moon told MPs: "We fudge our two per cent commitment to NATO by including in it pensions, GCHQ funding and even overseas broadcasting."

"The gap in our defence budget is between £10 billion and £20 billion. Our armed forces are being bled dry and our capability to defend this country is diminishing day by day. "We need a rapid



Camp Bastion Memorial Wall is now at the National Memorial Arboretum, near Lichfield, Staffordshire. Photograph by Corporal Daniel Wiepen. MoD/Crown copyright (2014).

review and a new assessment of the capability of our armed forces and of how we intend to fund them and keep our place in NATO."

"Our place there used to be critical and highly respected, but now, sadly, it is viewed as offering little to our allies."

Mrs Moon claimed that the previous day, Americans attending a military conference in London had said that our military is "too

small".

"That is to our lasting shame," she said.

Mrs Moon said it has been pointed out that at two per cent, without pensions and all the other "bizarre add-ons" that the Government add to get this country up to the target defence spending figure of two per cent of GDP, the UK is spending £36 billion on defence.

That compares with France spending €56bn (£49bn) and Germany, when it gets to two per

cent, spending €70bn (£61bn). German spending on defence in 2017 will be €37bn (£32bn).

According to data from the World Bank, this equates to 2.1 and 1.2 per cent respectively of GDP.

She asked MPs: "How can we hold our heads up high and say that we can defend ourselves with sums like that?"

Replying to a Freedom of Information request from 2015, the

Ministry of Defence (MoD) reported that the total audited cost of operations in Iraq since 2003 and Afghanistan since 2001 to 2013-14 was some £8.1bn and £21.3bn respectively.

The GEM approached the MoD for a response to Mrs Moon's comments.

Mark Lancaster TD MP, Minister for the Armed Forces, said: "This Conservative government is increasing defence spending by 0.5% ahead of inflation every year of the new parliament to give our Armed Forces what they need to keep Britain safe."

"Last year we spent £870m of our rising defence budget with Welsh businesses helping to build a stronger economy and supporting more than 5,000 jobs."

Mr Lancaster, who is also a lieutenant colonel in the Reserves with the Royal Engineers, continued: "While we are backing our Armed Forces, the Labour Party leader wants to scrap Trident, abolish the Army, and wouldn't commit to targeting Daesh terrorists."

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Much loved, but rotten, trees are felled in Barry

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RESIDENTS living at the top of Buttrills Road, Barry, were disappointed to see two trees that have been in the area for decades being felled.

A local resident told THE GEM: "It's a disgrace. These trees have been around for 70 years, but all of a sudden, they have been hacked down. The conker tree still flowers every year."

The landowner explained that the trees were rotten and the council had given permission for them to be removed.

The trees stood to the right of the Premier Store.



BELOW: The tree trunk, showing the damage done by rot.



LOCAL MENTOR 'CROSSES THE MYTHICAL LEARNING BRIDGE'

A WELSH learner, the author of a book entitled *A Welsh Dawn*, has been nominated for an award at the Vale Adult Learner Ceremony.

Gareth Thomas, who started learning Welsh aged 50 while living in England, published a novel which is in English, but features Welsh.

For the past three years, Gareth has met fortnightly with fellow Welsh learner, Stewart Ward, as part of a mentoring scheme organised by Learn Welsh The Vale, which matches fluent Welsh speakers with learners on lower levels.

The pair meet in the Waitrose café in Barry where they chat in Welsh about everyday subjects.

They also occasionally exchange emails, especially over the holidays when they



Gareth Thomas, one of the mentors.

cannot meet.

Gareth was nominated by Suzanne Condon, a tutor at Learn Welsh The Vale.

Suzanne explained: "Learning a language is like learning a musical instrument – the more you practise, the easier it gets. Having opportunities to use Welsh outside the

classroom is so important, and I can see the difference Gareth's time has made to Stewart's progress."

Gareth, who also gives talks to Welsh classes about his interest in Iolo Morganwg, added: "When it comes to mentoring fellow Welsh learners, the trick is to keep to the

language – cadw at yr iaith – and not switch back to English. This ensures the relationship develops in Welsh."

Learn Welsh The Vale is always looking for new mentors to support its Welsh learners.

Suzanne says: "With mentoring, we're not looking for people with teaching experience. It's important not to teach but to chat about all sorts of everyday subjects."

"Mentors and their mentees can meet regularly for several weeks, months, or for longer periods."

"One of our Cardiff mentors, Eirlys Davies, has been mentoring Ann Simons from Barry for several years. The pair are now firm friends and enjoy attending Welsh language events and activities together."

"The mentoring scheme is a great way for people to share their skills. It's important to share dialects and local sayings, so that Welsh becomes a language of the community and not just the classroom."

"It's wonderful when experienced learners such as Gareth, who've crossed the 'mythical learning bridge', reach back to help others."

If you would like to share your Welsh, or learn, contact Learn Welsh The Vale on 01446 730402.

Readers that would like a copy of the new *Welsh prospectus* should visit a local library or learning centre.

What's on, and where?

Cowbridge Choral Society

THE society will hold their summer concert this Saturday (July 8) in the village hall at Llandow.

There will be a varied programme, with performances by several special guests. The concert starts at 7.30pm, with the money raised being split between the parish funds and the choir.

St Hilary fete

THE St Hilary village fete will take place on Saturday, July 15 from 12pm to 4pm.

Children's races, barbecue and fun for all the family.

Riverside Market Garden
AN open day and lunch at the Riverside Market Garden takes place at Coed Hills Rural Artspace, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary on

Sunday, July 16 between 11am – 2pm.

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Royal British Legion meeting

THE Royal British Legion in Barry is next meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 18 in the Centenary Room at Cadoxton Conservative Club.

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Alun Cairns with representatives from Woody's Lodge.

Vale was represented at South Wales Armed Forces Day



Alun Cairns with Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton.

WELSH armed forces personnel and related charities gathered for South Wales Armed Forces Day, to commemorate all those who have served in the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

The commemoration, which took place in Caerphilly, saw hundreds of people present for the General Salute and laying of the wreaths, including Woody's Lodge from the Vale.

Woody's Lodge, situated on Hayes Road, Sully, is a charity organisation which provides support for veterans in the Vale of all ages, whether it be offering guidance in job seeking, organising social events with other service users, or help to find a home. Veterans seeking support or volunteers looking to help can contact Woody's

Lodge on 01446 730777.

Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, OC 372 (Barry Squadron), who is known locally for his work in securing new facilities for Barry Air Cadets, also received recognition by way of an honour.

Attending the commemoration was Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "South Wales Armed Forces Day was a commemoration like no other, to remember those who have gallantly served our country in conflict."

"It was an honour to attend and meet armed forces personnel and charities from across south Wales, including the Vale's very own Woody's Lodge. To speak with such dedicated individuals who devote so much of their lives to protecting our country was truly humbling and I am eager to do all that I can to help our local charities that provide the sort of support demonstrated by Woody's Lodge for veterans."

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Notice of Adoption of a Local Development Plan

Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026

The Vale of Glamorgan Council under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is required to produce a Local Development Plan. On the **28th June 2017** the Council adopted a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Vale of Glamorgan. The adopted LDP forms the development plan for the Vale of Glamorgan and will be the basis for decisions on land use planning in this area.

Copies of the adopted LDP, the recommendations of the person appointed to hold the independent examination, the Sustainability Appraisal report (incorporating the Environmental Report) and the Adoption Statement indicating how the environmental report etc. has been taken into account are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council's Dock Office in Barry (CF63 4RT) during normal opening hours and at the following locations during normal opening hours:

• Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU

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Copies of the above documents are also available to view and download on the Council's website at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/LDP

The LDP became operative on its adoption (i.e. 28th June 2017).

A person aggrieved by the LDP who desires to question its validity on the ground that it is not within the powers conferred by Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 or that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the adoption of the LDP, may, within six weeks from 28th June 2017, make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the 2004 Act.

Further information is available on the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/LDP or by contacting the LDP Team by email on LDP@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by phone on 01446 700111.

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Friends and Neighbours enjoy Wells trip

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group had a lovely day out in Wells: despite the rain it was not to be spoilt and they enjoyed looking around the many tasteful shops and taking in some refreshments from the many cafes, tea rooms and public houses.

Many of the members took the opportunity of visiting the cathedral which is described as 'the most poetic of the English cathedrals, set in medieval England's smallest city, built between the 12th and 15th century of Gothic style'.

The cathedral has one of the largest collections of stained glass in the

country, most famous being the Jesse Window.

Some members visited the church of St Cuthbert's (sometimes confused with the cathedral due to its size and height).

While visiting the cathedral, some visited the Bishop's Palace, built in 14th century; home to bishops of Wells and Bath for some 800 years surrounded by some 14 acres of picturesque gardens, adjacent to the cathedral.

Having a memorable day they chatted away to each other as they returned. Members are now looking forward to the 10th anniversary party at Beryl Road in July.

As there is a waiting list of members to join, no further names are being taken.

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Out & About with The GEM

Wright's Baby Driver is all kinds of cool!

It was all going so well. Having helmed his 'Cornetto' trilogy with friends Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, and having branched out with the superb *Scott Pilgrim vs The*

World, it seemed director Edgar Wright was set to make the step up in blockbuster land with *Ant-Man*.

Then came the dreaded creative differences; Peyton Reed went on to direct the Marvel film, and

Wright was left hanging in the wind – or so you would think.

Instead of joining the Marvel brigade, Wright put into production a film about a getaway driver, leaning heavily on classics like *The Getaway* and *Bullitt* – and the fruits of Wright's labours are now in cinemas.

The film tells the story of Baby (Ansel Elgort), a renowned getaway driver who uses headphones and music to drown out the noise of the car after an accident he had when he was younger.

When he meets Deborah (Lily James), he sees a way out of his life of criminality, but his boss, Doc (Kevin Spacey), has other ideas, and soon Baby finds himself caught up in the wrong heist at the wrong time...

Edgar Wright has developed a reputation as a keenly visual director, one whose impressive energy results in cleverly comedic films.

While *Baby Driver* has its moments of comedy, this is something of a change of pace for Wright, as it is the fact that he wrote this alone, having previously co-written with Simon Pegg amongst others.

It's a change that pays dividends however, as *Baby Driver* is one of the slickest, coolest and most engaging films of the year so far, a film that doesn't just resort to the action being the star, with a superb cast delivering wonderfully-judged turns.

Wright's influences for this particular film lean to the gritty, fast-paced car chase films of the 1970s, and much like those films, Wright realises that there's no point having slickly-shot car chases if there isn't the story and characters to back it up.

So while the car



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chases (and the film itself) are executed with Wright's signature visual flourishes, the film zinging with an effortlessly cool energy, below the bonnet there is a neat take on the staples of this genre.

While the characters themselves aren't reinventing the wheel, cut from genre cloth, Wright's writing brings them to life vividly.

So while *Baby* is the perennial 'one-last-job-then-going-straight' character, we learn how he found himself snared in Doc's clutches (via Spacey delivering a single monologue, one of many examples of efficient storytelling littered in this film) and about how his hearing impairment came about.

Brought to life exceptionally well by Ansel Elgort, Baby grows up as the film goes on, his moral conscience setting him apart from the world he works in and Elgort is charming while also showing vulnerability.

Lily James' Debora is also engaging, even if she feels somewhat on the periphery of the story, but her little quirks are executed with aplomb by James, while Kevin Spacey, Jon Hamm, Jamie Foxx and Eiza Gonzalez give their criminals neat little

touches and edges that Wright encourages.

The script is rooted in drama, yet Wright's comedic touch is there at times – there's the Michael Myers/Mike Myers gag that has been over 25 years in the making, while there are some zinger lines that feel influenced by Tarantino.

However, Wright doesn't shy away from the more overtly serious moments, the death of Baby's mother and Baby's caring of his foster father (a wonderful CJ Jones) coming to the fore and constantly idling in the background.

The way Wright has edited the film to music makes it feel a little like a musical in places, a clever touch that is both playful and stylised, yet also helps shift the tone away from clichéd criminal caper and offers something frothier, while not undercutting the dramatic aspect of the storytelling.

It's a sublime, tour-de-force from Wright, who has shifted up a gear here from his previous work. It's less visually stuffed than his previous films, but it works far better for it, and makes *Baby Driver* an incredibly satisfying, and unquestionably cool, piece of filmmaking.

VERDICT: Quite possibly Edgar Wright's best outing as director yet, *Baby Driver* is a superb and wonderful piece of filmmaking. Showing he has the scriptwriting ability to match his directing ability, this is a tour-de-force for Wright, backed up by a raft of good performances, most notably from the engaging Ansel Elgort – this film is all kinds of cool brilliance!

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Hot Fuzz* (2007), *The Getaway* (1972).

Penarth LitFest offers a packed weekend

PENARTH Literature Festival kicks off on July 7, with a weekend of authors' talks and literature-related events in prospect.

Festival sponsor Mel Griffin, of Griffin Books in Penarth, said: "It's not too late to buy tickets for this year's LitFest, and we're delighted with the quality and range of events we have in store for the book lovers of Penarth and the surrounding area."

Over 400 local school children will be attending events with bestselling author Jonathan Meres at the Paget Rooms tomorrow (Friday). There are also events aimed at under-5s and 5-to-9 year olds taking place on Saturday, July 8.

Fiction events include a trio of crime writers on the Friday evening, bestselling romantic novelist Veronica Henry on the Saturday afternoon, and Barry-based author Miranda Emmerson discussing her 1960s theatreland-set mystery on the Sunday afternoon.

A creative writing workshop is on offer on Sunday morning, while Sunday evening sees an evening of poetry and music, including top UK poet Michael Laskey, founder of the Aldeburgh Poetry Festival.

The festival also welcomes actor Johnny Tudor discussing his biography of Welsh singer Dorothy Squires, former Welsh education minister Huw Lewis on growing up in Aberfan post-disaster, and local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks talking about the Welsh at Passchendaele, in this centenary year.

The weekend's activities conclude with broadcaster and classicist Natalie Haynes talking about her novelisation of the Oedipus and Antigone myths on the afternoon of Monday July 10.

For full programme information and to book tickets for all events, go to www.griffinbooks.co.uk or contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455.



Author Veronica Henry.

WHAT'S ON - NEWS IN BRIEF
Sea Sunday
A CELEBRATION of Sea Sunday is so appropriate for the former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock!

Join the congregation on July 9 for a service reflecting feelings about the sea with hymns, scripture readings, poetry and a few words from the pulpit.

Hot and cold drinks will be available after the service. Parking is free on the left of Fort Road just before the church. Further information from Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20 701303.

AM surgery
VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on July 8 from 10-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Family fun day
MOUNT Pleasant Baptist Church are holding their ninth family fun day on July 8 at 12pm to 4pm in Victoria Park, Cadoston, Barry. Fun and games for the whole family.

Toy and train sale returns to Penarth

THE Cardiff Toy and Train Sale takes place on Saturday, July 8 from 10.30am to 3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff, CF64 2NS.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy and train sale being large, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door. Many of our customers make the most of the very frequent and reasonable train services."

"We now offer in excess of 120 tables at

the Cardiff show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK with the stock on offer, old and new, being unbeatable in quality and quantity as well as being wonderful value-for-money with prices to suit all pockets.

"Traders present on the day will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will also happily offer free valuations on a wide range of items, without any obligation. As always, light refreshments will be available."

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September, when garden is also open mid May – September. Not for NGS.

Sunday, July 9; Monday, August 28 (11am – 4pm). Admission £3, children admitted free.

Bordervale Plants, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (CF71 7SX).

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Care and repair

ARE you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale needing advice and support on repairs or home improvements?

Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale help older homeowners adapt and maintain their homes and can give information on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a information session on

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tuesday, July 11 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Choral Society concert
ON Saturday, July 15 the choir will present 'A Night at the West

End' led by conductor Angharad Edwards and accompanist Sheila Miles.

Joining them will be guest soloists Rhiannon Evans, soprano; Christopher Fossey, pianist along with instrumentalists. Strawberries and cream available in the interval.

The concert is in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl at 7pm. Tickets £6 available from choir members or at the door.

BICYCLE RIDERS 'FLAUNT THE LAW'

AS a pedestrian and car owner and driver, I am getting increasingly annoyed with the attitude and, frankly, flaunting of the law by bicycle riders.

It comes to a situation of deep grievance when on a sunny Sunday afternoon, one has to put up with the abuse and foul language from bike riders when out with my children.

On the footpath between Barry and Sully (Moors Road), I was being told by two bike owners that I had to get onto the dangerous road for them to pass, placing the lives of my children at risk. That I refused to do, as we had the right of way, and should dismount and allow us to pass. Not for the first time, they gave me abuse, using words young children should not hear. Disgusting.

When out driving, the attitudes of bike riders are beyond belief. Why, as a motor tax payer who pays for the roads, do I have to witness bikes being ridden on the road between Barry and Wenvoe (Port Road), when they have been afforded a raised bicycle path and do not use it?

They still block traffic and when they leave the route I have paid for from my taxes unused, I am appalled at the waste of money.

Why do push bike riders make no contribution to the roads of our country? They pay no specific tax towards them. I have seen some pretty terrible things recently; parents riding on dangerous country roads with babies strapped to their backs and without headgear, sometimes being followed on bikes by other children.

It is unacceptable that cyclists ride three and sometimes four abreast down the A48, and make no attempt to keep to the rules of the Highway Code. Cyclists are an obstruction on the highway, and should be prosecuted as such.

They can be very obstructive on trains also, not moving their bikes when people want to depart and enter the doorways on packed trains.

Bicycles should be banned from main arterial roads and very narrow country roads. Bicycle riders should take a highway roads test, wear a helmet at all times, and also pay road tax.

Karl-James Langford, Liberal Party Parliamentary spokesperson, Barry.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

- Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

An email address alone is not sufficient!

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

‘Celebrate and support our regional airports’

IT may have been advertised as the Swansea Airshow, but the Vale has been blessed this weekend with an aerial display of which other regions of Britain could rightly be jealous.

With this has also come considerable trade for those businesses involved in their parking and handling.

The county has a proud aviation heritage that goes back to the very dawn of manned flight; and many of us have made our homes here due to the aviation industry that once thrived in the county,

that brought with it well paid and interesting careers.

The Vale is blessed with not one, but two sizeable runways, both of which support not just jobs but the local infrastructure, attracting visitors and travellers to our county.

Both St Athan and Cardiff Airport need to be seen as the jewels

that they are in the county's crown, and all support possible offered to the businesses there.

Many parts of Britain are losing their regional airports, and thus the benefits to other industries that they bring. We should celebrate ours, for all they are worth, and not only for the plane spotters among us.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

Let's all look after Cemetery Approach

IREFER to the letter in The GEM last week from **Dennis Harkus** who appears to be pleased with Cemetery Approach in Barry.

Yes, Mr Harkus, it has taken a long time, but as the cabinet member responsible for the area in the last Labour/Llantwit First coalition, we gave you a commitment that we would work to bring about the new

gardens and not build houses on the site, as was planned by the previous administration prior to 2012.

It was a pleasure to work with Neil Moore, then Leader of the Vale Council and members of Barry Town Council, led by Coun Stuart Egan, in bringing together this project and I hope that all the residents of Barry will look after the area in the future. **Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major.**

Further upgrade work for Barry Island viaduct this summer



Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP (centre) with Tracey Young and Samuel Hadley, both of Network Rail.

NETWORK Rail will this summer be delivering a package of work to upgrade Barry Island viaduct.

The work involved will include cleaning the structure, steel work repairs, grit-blast and painting.

Network Rail has guaranteed that most of the work will take place during the day time and early evening, with the exception of minimal activities which need completing when the trains are not running.

Local MP Alun Cairns said: "Network Rail first made me aware of the planned upgrade to the viaduct last year, and I was inevitably concerned for the residents and business owners who may be affected,

especially with a significant part of the work being carried out in the summer months.

"However, I am assured by Network Rail that a scaffold will be erected around the viaduct which will be fully covered during the work to reduce dust. I am also informed that those carrying out the upgrade will also be using a system of acoustic barriers to reduce noise generated by the work.

"I will of course be monitoring the impact of the work, and welcome all residents, business owners and visitors to contact me should they feel these assurances are not being respected."

The site compound will be set up from July 10. This will be located on the overflow car-park adjacent to the viaduct.

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Mayor's Civic Service in Cowbridge is blessed with perfect weather for the day



There has always been an element of pageantry about the Civic service for the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and this year, on Sunday, July 2, was more of the same.

Fortunately, the weather was perfect for the procession from the town hall to Holy Cross Church, and there was a large turnout of guests and dignitaries, together with local organisations.

At Holy Cross, the service was conducted by Stephen Adams, Team Rector, Holy Cross Church, and by Heather Weddell – Chaplain to the Mayor, Minister of the Cowbridge United Free Church



PHOTOGRAPHS
by MIKE WILCOCK



Vale MP and Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns attended, before leaving for a ceremony at RAF Stormy Down (See page 14).

Rector Stephen Adams and Rev Heather Weddell.

Hafod's year of fundraising helps out two charities



Kaylea with Alan Morgan, managing director, Hafod Housing. She kayaked across three lakes and walked 26 miles.

STAFF from Vale-based housing and care provider Hafod have raised over £4,200 for charity in the past 12 months.

The team supports different charities each year and organised lots of activities including raffles, cake sales, fancy dress days and competitions.

They were delighted to present cheques to their two chosen charities last week.

Health and wellbeing charity, Gofal, benefited from a donation of £2,109.

Carl Arataki, chair of Hafod's staffing committee explained: "We decided we would support a local mental health charity as mental health directly affects so many of our tenants."

"Gofal was chosen as they are local and they provide crucial tenancy support for a number of our tenants both in housing and care."

Richard Bundy, director of business development at Gofal

said: "We would like to thank Hafod for their hard work and dedication this past year in fundraising for Gofal."

"This significant amount will allow us to continue to support the over 2,000 people with mental health problems who benefit from Gofal's services every year. Donations enable us to prevent potential mental health crises and ensure that our frontline services have everything they need to deliver an effective service."

Staff also raised over £2,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). This was championed by Kaylea Dowling, Hafod's community development officer after she lost a close friend to the condition.

Kaylea organised and took part in 'Kayak4MND', a five-day challenge which included kayaking across Lake Bala in north Wales, Lake Windermere in the Lake District and Loch Awe in Scotland. One day two they also completed



Cheque presentation – Richard Bundy and Beth Lowden from Gofal visited Hafod to meet some of the fundraising team.

a 26-mile marathon along the Welsh coastal path.

Lucy Parkinson, an employee of MDNA said: "Thanks to Hafod and especially Kaylea for raising such a fantastic amount."

"Your kind gift will help us to improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers. It will also help to fund and promote research and to campaign and raise awareness so the

needs of those affected by the disease are addressed by wider society."

Hafod staff will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society this year.

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Porthcawl Shout Forum calls for new 'e-taxes'

BRITAIN has become a leading internet-based country, with all tiers of government and commerce increasingly directing people to communicate with them via the internet as it decreases costs and increases profits.

Banks are closing high street facilities in favour of internet banking while the total UK e-commerce for retail and services in 2016 exploded to £133 billion, a giant 16 per cent increase.

This 'online' digital revolution is also dramatically changing the society we live in and Porthcawl Shout Forum (PSF) estimates that around 400,000 older people in Wales cannot access or participate in today's internet society.

They have never had any computer tuition or social media training and some are afraid of the internet following the many scam stories relating to older people's innocence.

Yet the Welsh Government resolutely ignores their need to be part of the society they helped to build.

As chair of the older people's group PSF, I am aware of this widely known but rarely acknowledged problem which is segregating and isolating thousands of people.

Being 'old school' they do not complain.

We have taken this problem up with Age Cymru and the Older People's Commissioner, who is aware of the unhelpful effect it has on many key health problems which the Welsh

health boards are working extremely hard to improve: quality of life, independence and loneliness, to name a few of the costly issues.

Growing old is not an easy journey and today's busy people will meet this technology gap when they retire and find their former skills set out-dated.

Unless addressed, the speed of change will bedevil each new generation of older people, and we ask the Welsh Government to consider setting up a permanent computer and social media training initiative that would allow everyone in Wales with internet reception to obtain computer skills.

Action is needed, and if no sponsorship funding is available from the large internet-based companies, then could the government impose a small internet levy on 'mega users' via their servers, similar to the music performing rights fees collected by the likes of PPS and PPL?

A dedicated, well-planned tuition programme would certainly be a win-win situation for young people seeking employment and older people seeking training; it would also be a big tick in the box for foreign companies considering investing in Wales.

Porthcawl Shout Forum would like to enlist your email support for permanent computer training facilities across Wales with a special focus on helping older people to use the internet safely.

Gary Victor
PSF chairman at
g.victor@btinternet.com

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (PORTHKERRY ROAD (PHAN) A PORT ROAD (RHAN)) Y RHWS (CLIFFFORDD WLEDIG 24 AWR) 2017

Ar 30 Mehefin 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1(1), 2, 2(1), 2(2), 2(3) a 4(2) Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 10 Gorffennaf 2017, neu ar y dyddiad y codir yr arwyddion angenrheidiol, p'un bynnag yw'r olaf a'i enw fydd Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Porthkerry Road (Rhan) a Port Road (Rhan)) (Cliffordd Wledig) 2017

Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun yn dangos yr ardal yr effeithir arni yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os ydych am gwestiynu dilyswydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw rai o'i ddarpariaethau a'r sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddwyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn fewn wythnos o 10 Gorffennaf 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y dydd hwn.

Diwygio Atodlenni Map: AX43, AY43, BA42, BA43, BA44

Rhoi Atodlenni Map Newydd: AW44, AX44, AZ43, AZ44, BB43, BB44

'Gorchymyn Clirffordd' Gwledig 24 Awr Arfaethedig

ATODLEN

Rhan 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson heblaw gyda chyfarwyddyd neu ganiatâd Cwnstabl yr Heddlu mewn iwnfform neu Warden Traffig yn caniatáu i unrhyw gerbyd stopio ar unrhyw adeg ar hyd y briffordd a ddisgrifir yn Rhan 2 yr Atodlen hon.

Rhan 2

Porthkerry Road, Y Rhws

Y lôn gerbyddau a'r tir sydd o fewn terfyn priffordd fabwysiedig Porthkerry Road, Y Rhws o'r gyffordd â Murlande Way, Y Rhws tua'r dwyrain a'r gogledd i Gylchfan Tredogan Cross, gan gynnwys adran tua'r gogledd i gylchfan Parc Busnes y Maes Awyr.

Port Road Y Rhws

Y lôn gerbyddau a'r tir sydd o fewn terfyn priffordd fabwysiedig y ffordd ddi-ddosbarth y'i gelwir yn Port Road o gylchfan Tredogan Cross tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain i'r gyffordd â Ffordd Osgoi'r Rhws ar yr A4226 am 3100 metr

Dyddiedig 6 Gorffennaf 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Depo The Alps, Gwnefô,
Bro Morgannwg, CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PORTHKERRY ROAD (PART) AND
PORT ROAD (PART))

RHOOSE (24 HOUR RURAL CLEARWAY) ORDER 2017

On the 30th June 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2, 2(1), 2(2), 2(3) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

The Order will come into operation on the 10th July 2017, or on the date the necessary signs are in place, whichever is the later and shall be known as the Vale of Glamorgan Council (Porthkerry Road (Part) and Port Road (Part)) (Rural Clearway) Order 2017

A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th July 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Amend Map Schedules: AX43, AY43, BA42, BA43, BA44

Insert New Map Schedules: AW44, AX44, AZ43, AZ44, BB43, BB44

Proposed 24 Hour Rural 'Clearway Order'

SCHEDULE

Part 1

No person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Traffic Warden cause or permit any vehicle to stop at any time on the length of highway as described in Part 2 of this Schedule.

Part 2

Porthkerry Road Rhoose

The carriageway and land contained within the adopted highway boundary of Porthkerry Road Rhoose from its junction with Murlande Way, Rhoose in an easterly and northerly direction to Tredogan Cross Roundabout, including a section northwards to the Airport Business Park roundabout.

Port Road Rhoose

The carriageway and land contained within the adopted highway boundary of the unclassified road known as Port Road from Tredogan Cross roundabout in a north-easterly direction to its junction with the A4226 'Rhose By-Pass' for a total distance of approximately 3100 metres

Dated this 6th day of July 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot, Wenvoe,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF5 6AA.



Mayor attends Bryn Hafren award evening



THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Janice Charles was pleased to be invited to present annual certificates and awards to Bryn Hafren pupils at their recent 'presentation' evening.

She said: "Students, this is a very happy occasion and a chance for you not only to celebrate your hard work

and achievements, but also your positive attitude – you should be very proud indeed. I would also like to thank teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication, and also the contribution that parents and families have made.

"I would like to wish all students every success in the future, and my message to you is this – always prepare to be challenged, excited and inspired!"

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Vale AM visits play park



Jane Hutt AM, Richard Bravey, Rachel Zeraschi, John Drysdale, Rhona Probert and Howard Hamilton.

JANE HUTT AM joined local resident **Richard Bravey**, local parent **Rachel Zeraschi** and supporters at the new **Fforest Community Play Park** off Salisbury Road, which replaces the park known as 'the Dump.'

This was following a local campaign last year for play facilities in the park.

Ms Hutt said: "I received a petition about this and it was presented to the Vale Council. This shows that community action and support works"

THOUSANDS ENJOY BARRY BEATS, EATS AND TREATS



Coun John Thomas (left) examines the artisanal wares

THOUSANDS of people flocked to **Barry Island** recently for the return of the **Beats, Eats and Treats** festival.

Organised by the Vale Council, the event delivered a weekend of live music from a variety of local acts, a range of pop-up street food stalls, a farmer's market and craft stalls showcasing Welsh art and culture.

Local radio station **Radio Bro** helped create the atmosphere for visitors by providing the

soundtrack to the whole weekend.

Its live broadcasts, along with performances from acts like **Patsy Hunt**, **The Carolines** and **Jess Dobson** treated those under the eastern shelter to an eclectic mix of genres.

Always a great hit with visitors, the Vale's twin towns – **Fécamp (France)**, **Rheinfelden (Germany)** and **Mouscron (Belgium)** – added a continental feel to the weekend by selling their local produce: wine, bread, cheese and Belgian



The Farmers' Market sets up as the day begins.

waffles.

Rheinfelden's glass-blowing expert, **Wilfred Markus**, entertained everyone by demonstrating his skill in producing many different glass pieces, which he sold throughout the weekend.

Featuring pop-up street food stalls from the likes of **Meat and Greek**, **Mr Croquewich**, **Ffwrms Pizza** and **Viva Los Churros**, and the newly-featured **vegan Stalls from Brownins** and **Loving Hut Express**, as well as a farmers' market and cooking

demonstrations from **Barry's** barbecue specialists **Hangfire Southern Kitchen**, the event provided everything a food-lover could wish for.

The weather held out throughout, with visitors able to enjoy the sunshine with a beer from **Tomos a Lilford**, a cider from **Vale Cider** or even a cocktail from **Beetle Juice**.

There was something to interest the whole family, with a range of craft stalls on hand offering items made locally and children's play and entertainment along the eastern promenade provided by the council's play and library teams.

The reception of the event across social media was overwhelmingly positive, with **Dafydd Brown** commenting that it was "really well organised, with quality stalls", **David Forman** loving the "awesome set up down the Island", and many others saying that they can't wait until next year.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, visited the festival and said: "This was the second **Beats, Eats and Treats** festival, and it proved yet again to be a resounding success."

"It was pleasing to see the range of local businesses doing so well, and I enjoyed talking to those who came over from our twin towns about the products they had on offer."

"To see thousands of visitors enjoying **Barry Island** also highlights the potential we have here in the Vale in terms of tourism and events, and I hope we can continue to deliver weekends like this that showcase the Vale of Glamorgan's fantastic settings and local businesses."

"I would like to thank everyone involved with organising and running the event – their hard work made sure the weekend was a great success."

For more information on summer events across the Vale, go to www.visitthevale.com/en/Events/Events-List.aspx.

AS

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 5) 2017

1. Ar 30 Mehefin 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 10 Gorffennaf 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y gosodir yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd, pa un bynnag sydd hwyrat, ac enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Diwygiad) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Rhif 5) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 10 Gorffennaf 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwn.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Penlan Road Llandochoau – Map AH61

O'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, tua'r gogledd am tua 45 metr, yn agos at y marciau safle bws newydd eu hail-leoli.

O bwynt tua 64 metr o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben gogleddol y marciau safle bws newydd uchod tua'r gogledd am dua 10 metr

O bwynt tua 112 metr tua'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben y cyfyngiad NWAAT cyfredol tua'r de am tua 10 metr.

Dyddiedig 6 Gorffennaf 2017

M. E. Punter
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 5) ORDER 2017

1. On the 30th June 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 10th July 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 5) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th July 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Penlan Road Llandochoau – Map AH61

From its junction with Corbett Road, in a northern direction for approximately 45metres, contiguous with the newly repositioned bus stop bay marking.

From a point approximately 64m from its junction with Corbett Road, contiguous with the northern end of the above new bus stop bay marking, in a northerly direction for approximately 10metres

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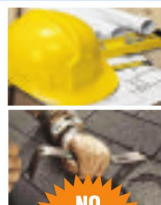
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Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 4th July, Leah of Llantwit Major, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, 14th July. Service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales.

INCLEDON Joyce

(Formerly James) née Gustavsson
It is with tremendous sadness to announce the death of Joyce, loved wife of the late Idris and the late Reg, much loved mother of Jocelyn and the late Idris, mother-in-law to the late Dick and Marie, nan to Glesni, Sian and Nia also great nan to Flynn, Faye and Bethany.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the Service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 19th July 2017 at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Stroke Association c/o the funeral director, please wear colourful attire.

WILLIAMS (née Griffiths) Mary Frances

Mary Frances died peacefully on 29 June at home in Barry in the presence of her loving family, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Vincent who passed away November 2012.

Dear loved mother to Alan and mother-in-law to Ann. Loving sister to Margaret and the late Rowland. Sister-in-law of Barbara and brother-in-law to Norman and families.

Mary will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. The family wish to express their gratitude for the loving care and attention given to Mary throughout her recent illness and for the friendship and affection she enjoyed throughout her long life.

Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet on Monday, 10 July at 4pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for the benefit of Cancer Research.

ROSSER

Eileen (née Edmonds)

Peacefully, but too soon, on 23rd June at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Much loved wife of Anthony, adored mother of Mark, Rita, Marie and Andrew, her son-in-law Stuart, daughters-in-law Marian and Janine, awesome Grandma to Ross, Lindsey, Luke, Paige, Owen, Joseph, Rose, James, Katie and Isobel. Cherished by her sister Linda.

Eileen will be greatly & sadly missed by her family, friends and all whose life she touched.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry. Funeral Tuesday, 11th July 1pm at St Helen's RC Church, followed by burial at Barry Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to Stroke Association (www.stroke.org.uk)

JENKINS Gwenfa

Peacefully, on Friday, 23rd June 2017 in the loving care of Breaksea Residential Home, Porthcawl, Gwenfa (formerly of Brynteg Gardens, Bridgend). Daughter of the late David and Edith Jenkins (Blaengarw).

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SMITH Linda Marie

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MALLET

Charles Henry (Charlie)

Sadly passes away at Holme Towers Hospice on June 30th. Much loved brother to Michael, Richard and Sandra.

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DAY Eileen

Peacefully on the 22nd June at Princess of Wales Hospital, Eileen of Llantwit Major. Loving mother of Brian and Lesley, grandmother to Owen, Hayley and Paul, great grandmother to Clara and Lucy.

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GUTHRIE

Katie-Sue (née Grocott)

Peacefully on 27th June, surrounded by her beloved family, Katie-Sue, aged 40 years, adored wife of Mike, special and loved mummy of Lois, Mason, Daisy-Anne and Ollie-Jack. Cherished daughter of Roger and Sue, much loved sister of Jodi and brother Jake, life-long friend of Natalia.

Katie-Sue will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the funeral service at All Saints Church on Friday, 14th July at 10.30am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, would be gratefully appreciated for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director. In memory of Katie-Sue, please wear colourful attire.

DAVIES Mary Minnie

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Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, July 13th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be sent to The Stroke Association, Unit 8 Cae Gwyrdd, Greenmeadow Springs Business Park, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7AB.

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SHELDON

Mervyn John OSTJ QFSM GIFireE

Hilary and family would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended Mervyn's funeral service. Also, thanks to everyone for their messages of sympathy and donations to Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Thanks also to the Reverend Alan Kettle for his thoughtful service. The family would also like to thank the Cowbridge and Western Vale Family Practice and the District Nurses for their special care and devotion over the last few years. Thank you to Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Directors.

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Jill becomes the first female president of Barry Rotary Club



Rotary officers: Ann Harhry (vice president),
Robin Pücher, Phil Hunt, Jill Osborne.

THE Rotary Club of Barry
held its Handover Dinner
Meeting on June 29 in the
Casa Paco restaurant in Barry,
when outgoing president Phil
Hunt handed over the chain of
office to Jill Osborne, the new
president for 2017/18 and the
first female president in the
80-year history of the club.

A qualified teacher, Jill works in
Cardiff with pupils on the autistic
spectrum and lives in Barry. She has
been a Rotarian since 2009 and also
enjoys walking, swimming, gardening
and flower arranging as well as
spending time with family and friends.

Speaking to members and guests
after the handover, Jill said that she
was immensely proud to be making
history as the first female president of
such a longstanding, successful club
and hoped that everyone would enjoy
the year ahead.

Lots of activities are planned,

including several new ones, the first
being a charity duck race and summer
fete in the Knap Gardens on Saturday,
July 22 when hundreds of plastic
ducks will swim down the feeder
towards the lake.

In addition, there will be lots of
other stalls and activities and it is
hoped that the general public will
come along to support the event.
Ducks can either be purchased on the
day for £1 or in advance from
Rotarians who will be at ASDA in
Barry on Saturday, July 8 or Morrisons
on July 15.

Also taking up her new chain of
office as president nominee was Ann
Harhry while Phil Hunt was
reappointed as club secretary and
Robin Pitcher was reappointed as
treasurer.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets
weekly in The Glenbrook on
Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm.

For further information, contact
Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look
online at www.rotary.org.

From Thailand to the Vale: a soi dog learns new tricks

A SOI dog – one
that lives rough on
the street, or soi in
Thai – that was
rescued from
Thailand and
brought to the Vale,
has been showing
off her new-found
skills in a 'canine
biathlon'.



Owner Tony Harvey and Tui competed in
the K9 Biathlon at Pencoed College.

Crossbreed Tui came
fifth in the recent
'Malpeet K9 Biathlon' at
Pencoed College with the
help of guide dog trainers
Tony and Emily Harvey,
of Penmark.

The couple fell in love
with the young dog while
volunteering at an animal
sanctuary in Thailand,
and brought her to Wales.

They have since
trained her using guide
dogs methods, which
reward and reinforce
positive behaviour.

Tui learnt so quickly
that the couple decided to
enter her for the 3.5 mile
cross-country event,
which tested fitness and
obedience.

Dog and owner had to
work as a team to tackle
25 obstacles, including
water obstacles up to 3ft
deep.

Tony and Tui raced
against the clock as they
jumped over and crawled

under objects, and tried
not to incur time
penalties.

Speaking afterwards,
Tony said: "We really
enjoyed it. Tui managed
all the obstacles and we
overtook quite a few
dogs, although she was
tired by the end."

"She's been doing 5k
runs with me each
morning before I leave
for work."

"We usually go around
the airport site, or cross-
country depending on
what animals are
around."

The biathlon also
included an obedience
test.

Each dog had to
respond promptly when
told to sit, lie down and

stay down for two
minutes, which proved a
stern test.

Because she is still
'uneasy' around other
dogs, Tui competed in a
special yellow jacket,
which indicates that an
animal needs space while
training, recovering from
surgery or being
rehabilitated.

"She coped well and
seemed quite relaxed,"
Tony said. "We had a
little medal ceremony for
her afterwards and her
prize was a bone from the
shop."

"She had a poor start
on the streets of
Thailand, and she'll
never be a guide dog, but
she's really clever."

AS

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Triples competition at Barry Athletic Bowls Club

LAST weekend saw the annual Open Triples competition at Barry Athletic's 4Wood Green with a bumper entry of competitors from across south Wales.

This year's tournament was in memory of Milton Eskins, a former longstanding member of Barry Athletic and aimed to raise money for Diabetes UK.

The tournament was hosted in sunny conditions on the flat easy-running Athletic surface.

A good turnout of quality competitors battled through the early rounds with a number of very tight finishes in a number of the group games; however qualification for the semi-finals came down to the match up between the fancied local triple, skipped by Glyn Thomas, and the Graig Merthyr combination skipped by former international Wyn Matthews.

With the Barry trio leading by three on the final end, a fortuitous deflection by Matthews with his last bowl crashed into the head and when the dust settled the visitors were laying three shots and eliminated the Barry three.

This result ensured another local triple, and last year's winners, husband and wife duo Lynne and Richard Bowen

who had teamed up with former Barry Athletic star Matthew Woodcock, set up a semi-final against the Kidwelly Black cats, skipped by Mark Davis, a repeat of last year's semi-final.

After a tight high-quality game where the two sides were never separated by more than one shot, it came down to an extra end with the Barry holders grabbing the shots they required to progress to the final for the second year in a row and to face the Penylan trio skipped by Ross Lewis who had moved effortlessly to the final without losing a game.

In the final, Lynne Bowen, former World and Commonwealth star turned up the heat from the off with an excellent display of front end bowls, putting the Penylan combination under pressure end after end and laying the foundation for husband Richard and Matthew to convert heads when needed.

A run of eight winning ends from nine played allowed the Barry trio to build up a healthy 13-3 lead after 11 ends and when skip Matthew Woodcock trailed the jack for four it was all over for the Penylan team who graciously acknowledged defeat after 12 ends of the final to retain the trophy for

the second year and claim the £450 first prize.

Organiser Chris Wright presented the trophy sponsored by JJ Windows to the holders after the long day of competitive bowls that had progressed with ease thanks to the organising skills of Chris and his band of volunteers.

Elsewhere on the weekend with the first team without a fixture, it was left to the PG2 side to continue their relentless march up the table with another away victory at Guest Memorial.

The Barry side were well prepared for a tough encounter after Guest had comprehensively defeated league leaders Cardiff the previous week, but they were outplayed by the visiting Barry Athletic team, who claimed all 14 points on offer.

Top honours went to Paul Webley's rink who chalked up another 26-9 victory, well supported by the points machine that is Dave Snelling's rink, who triumphed again this time by 23 shots to 11.

Gary Gane with Tim Morgan Dave Townsend and Andy Cooper playing well up front eased to another victory by 29-17 and it was left to Mike Vaughan's rink to score the final two points of the

afternoon and ensure all 14 points for the rampant Barry Athletic side.

This puts the club in with a realistic chance of promotion this year and is a testament to the greater strength in depth at the club this season with many very good experienced players all pushing for selection at the weekend.

In midweek, the Barry Athletic development side also scored an impressive victory away to neighbours Cadoxton, similarly securing all 14 points and reinforcing their position at the top of the Munro Cup league.

This week sees the Barry Athletic first team back in Carruthers Shield action with a tricky away fixture at Rhymney Gwent; with a number of key players unavailable for selection, all of Barry's experience in this flagship competition of Welsh bowls will be called upon.

However the momentum and confidence in the club is strong and with a number of excellent performances last week, the club will be confident in fielding a competitive side for both the fixtures and maintain the good progress in evidence this season.

RB

Defeat for Wanderers firsts, while seconds claim first win of the season!

LAST week Barry Wanderers first team walked off against Dinas Powys, full of confidence despite defeat in almost chasing 275 but the familiar batting woes came back up at Monmouth.

Batting first they found themselves on 51 for no wicket with openers Matt Anderson and James Hornby making steady if not spectacular progress, but then things went wrong and ended up 99 all out.

Failure to play spin has been a problem in recent seasons and here young Ben Davies and Alim Hansraj teased the Wanderers batsmen with Hansraj taking three wickets and only going for nine runs from his nine overs – spectacular figures.

Only the back-in-form James Hornby, with a repeat of his 33 from last week, Matt Anderson and George Allen made double figures and in the end not a single batting point was gained.

In reply Monmouth had little bother in reaching 100 in 22.3 overs for the loss of two wickets which at least meant the Barry team returned with a point which may or may not prove crucial.

Luckily the teams below fared little better so not too much damage was done in the league table but the Wanderers are again looking down and not up.

The second team can only look up as they are rock bottom of the league and were winless before Saturday but found themselves

against by far the strongest team of the season as Monmouth seconds came to Hayes Point.

Neil Blundell, who could not get to Monmouth due to work, and Reno Defoe, who can bat low down in the first team, were the openers and put on a wonderful 190 for the first wicket, which was over 50 more than any previous total this season.

Blundell was caught and bowled superbly by Gareth Hughes for 94 and Defoe stumped for 80 and to follow up the chairman Chris Barnes was 37 not out and Himath Singh 18 not out to reach a total of 266 in a season where the team have been 85, 81 and 53 all out.

Monmouth were certainly unlucky to run into the Wanderers with the best availability for a long time.

The soon to be 60-year-old David Morgan then took 4 for 22 from his eight overs while Ieuan Wade who took a bit of tap last week, bounced back to take three wickets in four balls from his only over to finish the game off with Monmouth all out for 121.

Spare a thought for the second team skipper Paul Sawyer who was absent due to him being asked to play for the first team, so he missed the first win.

Thanks to Monmouth for being very gracious in defeat as some Wanderers players were on the winning team for the first time this season in any form of cricket.

On Sunday, a friendly took place at Rogerstone who, despite only having nine men, were too strong for the

Wanderers. Blundell was again in the runs with 29 and then found himself fielding for the opposition.

George Allen hit a typical boundary hitting 50 before being bowled for 59 while Kunal Mhadgut had reached 30 before being caught by his own player, Blundell.

Only Himath, with 24, made any real dent in the scorebook as the Wanderers made 188.

Rogerstone knocked them off with the loss of only three wickets of which the joyous Ian Ford took two. The onlooking president Gerry Richards became rather irate, however, as the Wanderers fielders who had fielded for Rogerstone appeared to have lowered their game back in Barry colours.

It is fair to say that the president becoming agitated on the boundary is not an uncommon sight and in fact at times the highlight of the day.

This weekend the firsts are home to Pontymister and Cross Keys, who beat the Wanderers in the first game, as we have now passed the turnaround point and remarkably not a single Saturday has yet to fall to the weather.

The firsts will be looking for revenge while the seconds, who are not as strong this week, make the opposite trip.

On Sunday, the old friends from Westbury on Severn will visit and they usually bring a few spectators so it should be another great weekend.

AF

Castles are shy at Barry Chess Club!

MONDAY, July 3, saw the second round in the Barry Ladder Competition.

There were seven matches taking place. I noticed a reluctance to castle. Indeed after almost half an hour only three players had castled.

Personally I like to castle and hide my king in a corner as soon as possible but then I am noted for my cautious approach.

Six of the seven games were won by the players with the higher rating. David Jones remains at the top of the table being the first to finish his game with the only game won by white.

The second game to finish was at the opposite end of the table where John Stephenson defeated Stephen Bonutto who seemed to be struggling against his clock.

Ken Curry moved up a place in the ladder with his second consecutive win. I thought he was under pressure from Summer Cooke in the early part of the game but he came back strongly.

Of the big movers in the table so far Tom Cook recorded the next result when he managed to defeat Dave Mahoney.

Dave was a pawn up and with Tom having doubled up two of his pawns Dave looked favourite. It was a valiant effort and possibly the best performance we have seen from Dave for

a long time but I am afraid it was not enough to take the honours here.

On board six Chris Green ground out victory over a stubborn Martin Ricketts. John Ryles taught us a lesson on how to manage his time.

In the opening exchanges he played quickly and was soon 20 minutes ahead on the clock. This meant at the business end of the game he had the time left to find that winning move to defeat Peter Watkins.

The final game went to the wire. It was a battle of the Sams! With time running out Sam Jukes appeared to have the game under control. Sam White refused to give up and eventually lost on time.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, June 28: First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, Geoff Barnes and Alan Heath; equal third, Simon and Debbie Richards and Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham and Linda

Thursday, June 29: First, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins; second, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnes; third, Ann Fox and Colin Lewis.

The winners on handicap were Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins.

Friday, June 30: First, Gareth Jenkins and Gill Wybrow; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan.

The winners on handicap were Jim Hume and Dave Reed.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Norton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt

start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13 in the hall.

For further information about the lessons and any other club activities contact Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 659138.

TR

Barrivale Bridge Club news

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for June 27 are as follows.

The winners were: first, Mark Roderick and Mick Green 69.05 per cent; second, Jenny Vaughan and Mike Close 61.11 per cent; third, Irene Thomas and Peter Millar 55.08 per cent.

The handicap first place winners were Hilary Lawrence and Vivian Liles.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LINDA HOUSTON

Pencoed RFC start pre-season training

PENCOED Rugby Football Club commenced training on Tuesday, July 4 and will continue to train every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter at 6.30pm in preparation for their 2017/18 Division 2 West Central campaign.

New players are most welcome and should contact head coach Gerald Williams on 07875020873.

Footballers wanted
BARRY Albion Football Club are looking for players for the new season.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Leighton Jones on 07967814791 or contact us via Twitter: @barryalbionfc.

Belle Vue Bowling Club latest news

BELLE Vue Bowling Club played St Peters at Roath Park in the Cardiff and District League on Saturday, July 1.

Belle Vue recorded their first league win of the season with three rinks winning and one defeat, winning by eight shots, 12-2.

Rink one had a good win 26-11; lead was Mike Owens, No 2 Dave Smith, No 3 Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two had another close win 21-18. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 Len Fowler, No 3

Richard Brant and back in the groove was skip Trevor Ford.

Rink three clocked up a good win, coming from behind to win 24-16. Lead was Gerry Field, No 2 Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and skip was Dave Purser.

Rink four was the only rink to go down 13-31, but the score was a bit flattering to the Roath Park rink, as Belle Vue had some bad luck. Lead was Frank Keen, No 2 Paul Paterson, No 3 Les Aubrey and skip was Colin Scammell.

Thanks go to St Peters Bowling Club for their hospitality.

FRANK KEEN

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Daniela Mylot: a female Dick Francis

CARDIFF-born author Daniela Mylot is well known to hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale as she attends all the point-to-point meetings in the area.

She is also an estate lawyer and she has been racing in most countries you could name. She is an animal lover and has a pet greyhound.

Her favourite book is Anna Sewall's classic *Black Beauty*, and if you enjoy reading the Dick Francis racing novels then it is odds-on that you will love reading Daniela Mylot's second horse racing novel *The Winning Margin - The Horseshoe Part II*.

One critic has described it as: 'Fast paced with a knowledgeable yet familiar style of writing, gives a wonderful insight into the world of racing and is a real page turner - transporting you to the

gallops and into the jockey boots of Rhys Jones.'

It's about a Welsh jockey who had his ambition of being a National Hunt champion jockey maliciously snatched from him after just a season at the top.

Catastrophic injury threatened to ruin him but he is thrown a lifeline by someone with a dream, the shell of a racing stables and a will to gamble.

Rhys' new aspiration as a racehorse trainer is threatened by an old foe determined to ruin his second chance. Can Rhys find the strength to make it in the cut world of National Hunt racing against the ever lengthening odds?

Will he be able to achieve his dream and have it all?

You will have to read the book to find out. It is published by New Generation and can be obtained from Amazon at £10.99.

BRIAN LEE

Day tells of his relief after first tournament win



Ryan Day.

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day has spoken of his "relief" at finally winning his first ranking title after 18 years as a professional snooker player.

Day beat Scotland's Stephen Maguire 5-2 in the Riga Masters final, a win which saw him return to the world's top 16.

The 37-year-old, three times a quarter-finalist in the world championships, had previously lost four ranking finals, including one to Barry Hawkins in February's World Grand Prix.

"It's been a long time coming," Day told BBC Wales Sport. "I would have liked to have got a few more titles under my belt before now, but patience is a virtue."

"I've kept on working hard and believing in myself. The overwhelming feeling I've got right now is one of just massive relief."

"To beat the players I did and to have won it is

like a dream come true. Fingers crossed, the floodgates might open and I might get three or four (ranking titles) in quick succession if I keep believing in myself."

Day's win in the Latvian capital came after an impressive run of results, including victory over fellow Welshman and twice world champion Mark Williams in the semi-finals.

His first ranking title followed a "frustrating" World Championships in April in which he lost in the first round.

"I just didn't settle and didn't play very well," he confessed, "But I had a few weeks off after Sheffield and recharged the batteries."

"I came back to the practice table with a clear mind but knowing my game was in good shape."

Day, from Pontycymer, is currently in action in the Snooker World Cup in China, (July 3-9), where he is partnering Mark Williams in the Welsh team.

MICHAEL PROSSER

Bad week for the A team

L L A N T W I T MAJOR bowls A team entertained Cefn Cribwr on Thursday evening, June 29.

The captains agreed on one shot on the first two ends, and so the match began. Paul Brown's triple of John Moison and Ian Williamson, after being 2-0 down, raced to a 10-3 lead after seven ends.

They proceeded to lose the next 4 ends, but only dropping one shot on each end, still had a good lead after 12 ends.

They then romped ahead scoring on five of the last six ends with two 2s, a 5 and two 1s to end up the only winning rink, 22-8.

Graham Merchant's triple of Richard Bayliss and Geoff Timms battled well throughout the game with both sides sharing the ends, winning nine each.

Graham's side led the way 11-5 after 11 ends, but had a set back dropping 10 shots in four ends, ending the evening three shots down, 14-17.

Mike Harmon's triple of Andy Vincent and Mike Jones also shared a number of ends with Cefn Cribwr and also failed to register a win for two points and after the 18 ends were completed they ended up just five shots in defeat, 14-19.

This left Llantwit still six shots to the good until John O'Brien's triple of Ken Williams and John Ball came onto the scene, scoring on only four of the eighteen ends and going down 5-24, leaving Llantwit with a deficit of 13 shots and only two points.

However, John's triple, I think, won the social game.

On Saturday, July 1, Caerphilly Social were the visitors to Llantwit in

a friendly fixture.

Firstly a big thank you to the players who came in at short notice. Lyn Fry's rink of Ian Williamson, Dave Thomas and Richard Bayliss kept within six shots of their opponents until the 10th end, 4-10, but managed only one score on the last eight ends and only dropping 1s or 2s on every end except the eighth, when they dropped a four, eventually losing 5-21.

Mike Harmon's rink of Doug Oatley, Roy French and Dave Post showed great character, being 10-10 on the 13th end to go down 12-14 on the final end.

Mike led his rink to their usual consistency of a close game.

John O'Brien, John Ball and Ken Williams put in a much better performance than on the previous Thursday Triples or perhaps it was due to the consistent leading of John Moison.

After a bad start, being 2-6 in arrears, they picked up a four on the seventh end and going 10-7 up on the 10th end, they ended up sharing the spoils, 15-15.

Les Fowler's four included Mike Jones at third, Graham Snowdon at second and new bowler Mike Eveleigh, who is turning in some very consistent performances as he plays more regularly.

Les' four, although scoring on eight of the 18 ends, were 2-9 down, but battled until the end and scored a magnificent 7 on the last end to be Llantwit's only winning rink, 21-15.

It was a bit disappointing to see the whole Caerphilly side remaining with only five Llantwit bowlers staying behind to partake in the social proceedings after the match.

WJB

News from Llantwit Major ladies bowlers

ON Sunday a mixed team travelled to Newbridge for a friendly game.

The excellent bowling was followed by a superb tea and entertainment from the members. An enjoyable day out.

On Wednesday, due to bad weather, our game with Bridgend Municipal was cancelled and the points split.

On Thursday we welcomed Windsor (Penarth) for a league game and an excellent game was had by all followed by a cream tea.

A slow start was made

by Barbara Marilyn Dyls and Julie but from the 13th end they picked up and only lost by one, 14-15.

Kay, Margaret, Helen and Carol started well but struggled after the fourth end but managed to close the gap on the last couple of ends, losing 13-19.

Liz, Pat, Naomi and Eryl went into the lead from the start and although dropped a four on the fourth end, they kept it up to the end, winning 15-13 - well done.

CW

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Sponsor John Caines with winning golfers Ray Thomas and Jim Hayes.

COMPETITION IS FIERCE FOR THE GOLFING FARMERS

THE monthly meeting of The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Friday when 39 members set off early in the morning for a full day's golf at The Kendleshire Golf Club, Bristol.

Sponsored by local estate agents Payton, Jewell & Caines a trip over the Severn Bridge is mandatory for members to compete for the PJC International Classic trophy in addition to the opportunity of returning home with one of the many quality prizes

supplied by generous sponsor Mr John Caines.

The mornings nine hole Texas scramble competition was keenly contested with just 0.6 of a decimal point separating the top two teams.

Returning with a winning score of 32.25 was Gwyn Thomas, Brian Jones, Julian Golunski and Nick Golunski followed into second place with a score of 32.85 by Ray Thomas, Dan Jarvis, Neil McLean and Keith James.

Following a light lunch participants returned to the course to play an individual stableford competition

which ended with society captain Ray Thomas returning one of the highest ever individual scores recorded by a member when accumulating 44 points resulting in an immediate four stroke handicap reduction.

Runner-up with a far more respectable score of 37 points was Jim Hayes, one point ahead of third placed Hugh Williams.

The day's sponsor John Caines finished fourth with 33 points

followed into fifth place by Jeremy Corbyn lookalike John Thomas.

In the visitors' section the society were pleased to welcome 10 guests including Douglas Vissicchio from USA, son-in-law of Llanccadle entrepreneur David Williams.

Douglas was unlucky not to take a prize back across the big pond but would have been pleased to see his brother-in-law Jon Lane take first place in this section with 37 points followed by Marcus Goldsworthy who scored 32 points. Wyndham Abbot finished third with 27 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Julian Kelly (2) Chris Rooney, Jon Lane, Clive Thomas and Dan Jarvis.

Neil McLean hit the longest drive down the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored hole to collect the longest drive prize.

Cowbridge rugby club president, Mr Lyn Thomas, made a welcome return to the winners' enclosure when correctly guessing 68 balls would remain

over the border to collect the Elephant & Bunn-sponsored prize. This raised £100 for Y Bwythyn Newydd.

Members of the society were full of praise for the warm welcome afforded them on arrival at the Kendleshire Golf Club and for the level of service throughout the day. Arranging for a full size Welsh flag to be flown from the flagpole was also appreciated!

Finally, the society are grateful to JCP Solicitors of Cowbridge for contributing towards the cost of hiring the coach for their journey to the Kendleshire.

The society's next meeting is 'captains day' scheduled for Thursday, July 13 at St Athan Golf Club.

Quarter-final draw for the Nipper Jewell Memorial Trophy: Ray Thomas v Trevor Wooding; Bryan Owen v Hugh Williams; Gareth Perkins v Geraint Davies; Mike King v Julian Golunski. Matches to be played by Thursday, July 27.

TMCC

KATIE TURNS OUT FOR 'WALES RED'

Katie Williams of Cowbridge, who recently played basketball for Wales.

A COWBRIDGE schoolgirl has represented Wales at basketball for the second time in a few weeks.

Katie Williams (12) was selected again to play for a Welsh representative team against Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Kent and the 'Wales Green' team in Surrey on Saturday, June 24.

Katie's team (Wales Red) came third. It was a tough competition, because some of the girls in the English teams not only play for their county, but also, like Katie, for their nation.

Katie recently represented the Welsh under-13 team against Northern Ireland and Scotland in a tri-nation event held in Belfast.



AS

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

The Whitchill Hotel have been crowned cup winners with a close and hard fought win against Cocopops.

The cup is generously sponsored by Mike Loveless, owner and operator of R&M Mobile Valeting.

The first frame was won by Cocopops, the second by Ryan Rowlands of the Whitchill. Back came Cocopops with their captain Graham Awaient beating county captain James Hill.

Next up was Barry's number one player Chris Bardsley, and he didn't disappoint the crowd and gave a good performance against the plucky Nathan Davidson.

Frame five saw the in-form Lawrence Klee beating a resilient Kyle Power, while the last singles game saw Adam Evans slip to defeat.

All games were close but it was the Whitchill who held a 4-2 lead going into the scotch doubles.

Kyle Power and county player Mike Dunn made the game 4-3. Up next were the Vale's poster boys Ryan Rowlands and James Hill and what happened next was breathtaking.

The crowd looked on thinking "He won't clear up from there" - but Ryan had other ideas. The black was surrounded by his opponents' balls, with two reds left to pot and a hidden black.

Ryan spent a full minute looking at his options, then the magic. The first red potted fairly easy, but it was the position he would need for his last ball that mattered, and he got it.

Calmly chalking his cue, he then potted his last ball in the top right hand pocket with the cue ball bouncing off the top cushion into his opponents' ball, releasing the black.

We all looked on as the balls moved around the table and the cue

ball was in line with the black and bottom corner pocket, a truly remarkable shot that deserved to win the frame and the cup for the Whitchill hotel.

Congratulations go to the Whitchill and Cocopops for a great final.

The county team are on course for promotion with a well-earned win against an accomplished Porthcawl team, 21-15.

The Vale struggled in the first two sessions, but turned things around in sessions three and four.

The Vale's best players were Ian Hill and Graham Awaient who also leads the averages.

This Sunday, July 9, is the scotch doubles semi-finals and final at the Billy, start time 7pm. Gavin Rowlands and Wayne Hobson of the Castle are in the draw with Mark Ingram and Billy United team mate John Farrugia, Jamie Stanton and Ian Hill and Ryan Rowland and James Hill from Whitchill completing the line-up.

The league would like to thank Harry Asprou from Asprou barbers, Park Crescent, Barry for his hugely generous sponsorship of a silver trophy for the league singles champion.

The presentation night is Saturday, July 15 at the King William IV pub in Cadoxton. There is a live band after the presentation and a late bar, huge thanks to Dave and Jo.

The new season starts on Thursday, August 3, start time 8pm every week with a new playing format.

We are looking for men and women of all capabilities to join the league. For more information, or to register a team, text Joe on 07870 498738 or phone Anthony on 07568 444180 - you can also find us on Facebook.

JB

Judy Murray encourages girls to play tennis in Vale trip



JUDY Murray has praised the tennis facilities in the Vale after a recent visit to Barry.

As Wimbledon approaches, the mother of world men's number one Andy Murray held sessions for local girls at Barry Leisure Centre and Romilly Park.

They were part of the 'She Rallies' campaign that Ms Murray fronts, a scheme that aims to get more girls involved in the sport.

The Scottish coach admitted key to participation is having tennis facilities available to the public.

Ms Murray said: "I'm a huge believer that if there are tennis courts in public parks they should be free to use. The swings are free to use and the ducks are free to feed so it should be the same with tennis courts."

"It is great that there are local parks in Barry that have courts because there are a lot of towns that don't have that. They've had them in the past and lost them to other activities, housing, supermarkets or car parks."

"A tennis court is quite a big space so it's often hard to find those spaces again if they have disappeared. Local public facilities are the most important thing for growing the game."

The She Rallies scheme is delivered in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and is designed to increase female participation in a sport that is 'overwhelmingly' played by males.

Editor's note: in 2016, LTA figures were that the number of monthly players was around 731,000, split 61-39 per cent male-to-female.

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Centurions maintain the pressure at top with win

SULLY Centurions kept up the pressure at the top of the table with an eight wicket victory at Creigiau.

The home side won the toss and elected to bat first, but some tight bowling from the Centurions attack ensured that it was slow progress for the Creigiau batsmen.

Hywell Nicholls top scored with 24, but only three others managed to get into double figures and the innings closed on just 110 all out with five overs remaining. For Sully, the wickets were shared around but the most impressive figures came from Bharat, who had 2 for 7 off 7 overs, including four maidens.

There were also three run outs (including former Centurion Dan Chaulk) as Creigiau tried to move things along.

The Sully reply was led by Gethin Hicks, who hit 35, and Santosh Singh (28) and the small target was reached in the 26th over for the loss of only two wickets.

This could definitely be described as a good afternoon's work for Centurions.

Creigiau 110 all out, Sully Centurions 111-2.

The second XI played Creigiau seconds at Burnham Avenue and, thanks to solid top order batting, ran out comfortable winners.

The visitors batted first and were going along nicely, with opener Owain Griffiths reaching a half century – and at 100 for 2 Creigiau were looking comfortable.

Wickets began to fall regularly after this, but still the runs were coming and thanks to solid contributions from the

middle order, the total of 187 for 7 looked like one that the visitors would have been reasonably happy with.

For Centurions, Josh Bryan had a good day in the field, posting figures of 3 for 30 off his 8 overs – also taking a catch and playing his part in the run out of Powell.

After tea, openers Russell and Peter Thomas put on 48 for the first wicket when Peter was caught off the bowling of Rowlands for 24.

Russell was joined by Ben Spear and the pair shared a stand of 71, pushing the score to 119 before Ben was bowled by O'Hanlon for 32.

Nick Jones hit an unbeaten 30, alongside Russell Thomas, who ended up on a marvellous 83 not out as Centurions reached the required total in the 32nd over.

This puts Centurions in fourth position in the league and right back in the mix in the race for the promotion places.

Sully Centurions II 188-2, Creigiau II 187-7.

On Sunday Centurions played host to an Australian Academy side and in spite of half centuries from Jake Griffith and David Goodway, lost a good natured match by 45 runs.

The Ozzie youngsters, who are in the middle of a three week tour of the UK, were very impressive and thoroughly deserved their victory.

This week the first XI make the trip down the road to face Dinas Powys, while the seconds meet Ebbw Vale at Burnham Avenue.

Once again all players are asked to contact either Jake Griffith or Dave Sylvester with their availability.

MF

Climbing the Ladder at Barry Chess Club

THE first round of the Barry Ladder has now taken place.

Five games were completed. The stronger player in each match had the black pieces so I would have expected to see all five black players winning and moving up the table. My expectations were not entirely correct.

Of the five games played only two were won by black. White took the honours in two matches with the other game drawn.

On board one Ken Curry defeated Dave Mahoney in the longest match of the night. Ken appeared to have a won game with a large time advantage but Dave doggedly fought on until his queen fell.

Both players forgot about the clock but fortunately that did not become an issue.

Peter Watkins and I played on board two. No surprise that two of the more cautious players ended with a draw, while Tom Cooke quickly beat Martin Ricketts on board three as did Sam Jukes with his board five victory over John Stephenson.

The closest game was

perhaps the board four game between John Ryles and Stephen Bonutto. In a tight game John ended with a win.

In the next round of games those players who earned a win have moved up the ladder and will have the black pieces in the next round.

Their opponents are nominally weaker than in the last round so they should continue their climb. The current top of the ladder, or should I say king of the castle, is David Jones. It will be interesting to see if he can stay there.

Elsewhere our travelling players, Sam Jukes and Stephen Bonutto, again played in the Bristol Tournament.

In this summer event Stephen played in the Major Section and Sam played in the Open Section.

Sam played four players all rated above 2050. Unfortunately he lost every game.

However there is a silver cloud in the lining here as by losing his rating drops below 1900 and with the new East Glamorgan rules this could prove beneficial next season.

Stephen played five games and four of them were English opponents

with ratings in excess of 1800.

The fifth player was Caerphilly's own Kevin O'Rourke. He won two, drew two and lost only one game to return to form and collect 19 ratings points.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

**PHIL JONES
*SEE MORE BARRY CHESS NEWS ON PAGE 39.**

Ladies section results from Dinas Powys Golf Club

ON June 6, an 18 hole Medal Golf Foundation Brooch competition was held:

1st Sian Smith 91 – 20 = 71, 2nd Carolyn Jones 86 – 14 = 72, 3rd Vicki Ellison 101 – 25 = 76. On June 6, a nine hole

Stableford: 1st Dorothy Amery 16 pts.

On June 12, an 18 hole Woodland Bowl par comp (day 1): 1st Sian Smith +2, 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam +1, 3rd Maxine Hird +1.

On June 13, an 18 hole Woodland Bowl par comp (day 2): 1st Samantha Saunders +3, 2nd Maxine Hird +3, 3rd Sian Smith +2 from Vicki Ellison +2. Competition

Nett Results: 1st Maxine Hird +4, 2nd Sian Smith +4, 3rd Vicki Ellison +2.

On June 13, nine hole Stableford: 1st Dorothy

Amery 18 pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 18 pts, 3rd Audrey Harwood 16 pts.

On June 20, an 18 hole Medal 5: 1st Ruth Yates 90 – 25 = 65, 2nd Vicki Ellison 94 – 25 = 69, 3rd Samantha Saunders 102 – 32 = 70.

On June 20, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Audrey Harwood 20 pts, 2nd Dorothy Amery, 3rd Chris Nelms.

On June 27, ladies day 18 hole Medal: 1st Vicki Ellison 89 – 25 = 64, 2nd Annie Blackburn 88 – 20 = 68, 3rd Samantha Saunders 100 – 31 = 69. On June 27, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Rhian Thomas, 2nd Sharon Jesson.

Nearest the pin on 18th green: Audrey Harwood, Nearest the line on fourth fairway: Sharon Jesson.

RY

Five for five for Penarth Windsor club

FIVE matches, five wins for Penarth Windsor Bowls Club.

The ladies particularly enjoyed their evening at Mackintosh. Not only did they win but they were serenaded throughout the evening by a choir (brilliantly named Only Menopause Aloud) who were practising in the Institute Building.

Scores: C. Lewis, B. Dunlop, V. Flitney, M. Owen 21-22; A. Hudson, A. Morrish, C. Gunter, D. Thomas 20-16.

In the other match at a bitterly cold Llantwit Major, the ladies overcame the conditions to record a close 47-42 victory.

Scores: C. Lewis, B. Dunlop, A. Rees, D. Thomas 19-13; C. Davies, A. Morrish, M. Owen, K. Dyer 13-15; A. Hudson, J. Williams, L. White, V. Flitney 15-14.

The men returned three excellent wins. Pride of place to the PGI team away at Penarth. They came away with an 88-55 win and the full 14 points.

Scores: Morgan,

PM

Murch edge to win by one shot!

ON Saturday, July 1, Murch Bowling Club played host to Cadoxton Bowling Club in MLS.

A competitive but friendly afternoon's sport saw the Murch triumph by the narrowest of margins.

There were wins for Cadoxton for the rinks skipped by K. Chedgoy and D. Kuhnell but wins for the Murch rinks skipped by R. Mauchline and I Williams.

When the total shots were counted the Murch had won 78-77, a one shot difference, a reminder that in bowls every shot counts.

If you are interested in playing bowls contact the Murch bowling club on 02920 513396.

TP

Brynhill golfers on the march!



THE second round of the Welsh Team Championships was played on Friday, June 23 as Brynhill Golf Club went up against Greenmeadow Golf Club at Peterstone Golf Club.

The format is made up of five singles and the team went out from Brynhill in the following order:

Scott Bowman, Calvin O'Carroll, Sam Preston, Scott Warne and Jamie Griffiths.

Scott Bowman led the

team out and came home with a comfortable 6&5 win which was a great booster for the rest of the team.

Calvin followed with another comfortable 5&4 win and both players supported the rest of the team coming home.

With a 2-0 lead we needed just one more point for a match win and this was won by Sam Preston with a 3&2 win.

Jamie and Scott Warne were called in but both matches were level coming down 16 so the team looked strong.

A big congratulations to Jamie Griffiths who

made his first hole in one of the Par 3 eighth (only took him 35 years) - the team were very pleased for him and it was a great shot in a tough wind.

The team will now go onto the finals, for the third consecutive year, to be played in August in north Wales and the team of five plus one reserve will be announced in due course.

Pictured above from left to right are Jamie Griffiths, Scott Bowman, Calvin O'Carroll, Scott Warne and Sam Preston.

ND

Loss for Athletic firsts

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club first XI travelled to the picturesque Abergavenny and were asked to bat first.

They reached 190-9 off their 50 overs with Maqsood Anwar scoring a quick fire 45 off 33 balls that included 4 fours and 2 sixes.

Other contributors were Nathan Baker with a crafted 38 and Lee Morgan with a gutsy 36, with Timpson taking 4 for 53 after at one time having figures of 3 for 7.

In reply Abergavenny got to their total with overs to spare as they reached 191 for 5 with Glenn (66), Gareth Birkett (50) and Adam Harrison (35) not out; Simon Phillips produced

figures of 2 for 21 and Lloyd Bruce 2 for 54 as Barry lost by five wickets.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Creosycceiling on Barry Island.

The visitors batted first and compiled a score of 224 off their 45 overs with Mason getting 90.

In reply Barry reached 227 for 6 with Zeeshan scoring a fine 84 not out and L. Edwards taking 4 for 36 with Barry running out winners by four wickets.

This weekend Barry Athletic first XI entertain Cardiff Central on Barry Island with the second XI travelling to Brecon - both games start at 12.30pm.

MR

Latest news from the Millwood Bowls Club

WITH Wednesday being a bye week for the Munro Cup, an eagerly anticipated game between the club side and the A team was arranged.

However Mother Nature stepped in and to great disappointment the fixture was called off due to heavy rain; a rematch later in the season can hopefully be arranged.

On Saturday the club side welcomed Rhooose to the club for a League 4 game. From the start the home side had the bit between their teeth and after five ends were leading 30 shots to 9 with the visitors continuing to find difficulty reading the green.

After 10 ends Millwood were cruising on three rinks; however on the fourth rink Peter Taylor and his rink were finding it a problem to

shake off the visitors and after 15 ends found themselves trailing 15 shots to 10 with a huge effort over the last six ends (including a 6 on the 19th end) completing a narrow win.

This made it a clean sweep on all four rinks for the home team by 99 shots to 55, taking all 14 points available.

The A side, meanwhile, travelled to Rumney for a friendly which, in keeping with

all matches against Rumney, are played in a very competitive spirit on a green that some players found faster than they had experienced this season.

The rinks soon settled down and led by Tony Williams, who had a comfortable win, the match finished with both sides winning two rinks each an honourable draw was declared.

BH

Barry RFC news

WITH pre-season training now in full swing, Barry Rugby Club have announced two home friendlies during August.

Saturday, August 5 sees Treharris as the visitors followed on August 12 by a visit from Lydney, who have hosted the club for the past two seasons.

Lottery numbers for this week were 13, 15, 16 and 19 which again failed to produce a winner - this week's jackpot will be £5,350.

AJ



BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TOUR 2017

Second test: New Zealand 21

British & Irish Lions 24



The Lions keep test series alive with historic win... but beware New Zealand Black-lash!



The Lions outscored the All Blacks two tries to nil, with Conor Murray (left) and Taulupe Faletau crossing the try line.

THERE was a point in Saturday's second test between the British & Irish Lions, just after the start of the second half, where Sky Sports' Will Greenwood noted that, with the scores tied at 9-9, the weather taking on British-like qualities and the All Blacks permanently down to 14 men following Sonny Bill Williams' shoulder charge on Anthony Watson's head, this was a game the Lions had to win – that there would be no better opportunity to notch a fabled victory over the world champions and take the series into a third, and decisive, test.

The Lions achieved this, their 24-21 victory historic in many ways (the first defeat the All Blacks had suffered on home soil for eight years, the first time in 39 games they had failed to score a try), and the manner of their victory – committed, determined and hard-working until the last – was hugely impressive.

But it does come with the caveat that they were playing a team who had seen their own attacking game plan undone by the sending off, and had Beauden Barrett worn the kicking boots he had on in the first test then, even a man down, New Zealand would have eked out a test-claiming win.

So while many were overcome by the Lions victory (most embarrassingly Sky's Graham Simmons, whose hysterical post-game interviews were undercut by the Lions' honest response that the job was only half done and that it means little if the test series isn't won outright), there was plenty to unpick and to work on if the Lions are to achieve the "immortality" that Simmons so passionately spoke of.

Discipline was the key area, the Lions giving far too many penalties away and only Barrett's weakness with the boot kept them in touch on the scoreboard. On any other day this would have sounded the death knell for the Lions, but there was something in the air on Saturday, a chink of vulnerability in the All Blacks' armour that can hopefully be found and exploited again on Saturday.

by GARETH JAMIESON



Sonny Bill Williams' red card was a pivotal moment in the game.

Already rattled by Williams' 24th minute sending off (the first for an All Black in 50 years), Barrett's malfunctioning kicking was hardly likely to soothe the nerves but the Lions, conscious of the numerical advantage, were all too often guilty of forcing play, looking for the spaces that weren't there – cooler heads eventually prevailed.

Yet having gone in at the interval level at 9-9, they started the second half like a team who didn't know what they were doing, conceding penalty after penalty and playing some of the worst rugby of the tour.

For nearly 20 minutes it seemed as if the All Blacks would wind the game down and claim the win, especially as the numerical advantage was evened up by the yellow card given to Mako Vunipola.

But then came a moment of magic as Taulupe Faletau burst down the left after good patient work, and though Owen Farrell's conversion missed, it took the Lions to within four points, 18-14, having played terribly.

When Barrett landed a penalty to take the score to 21-14, again there seemed no way back for the Lions but again they found one, as Conor Murray darted over from close range, giving Farrell an easier conversion to level the scores at 21-21.

With the scores level, and all to play for, this was where the Lions needed to press home the advantage – back to a full complement, it was now or never, anything less than the win the least they deserved.

With four minutes remaining, the opportunity opened up as Kyle Sinckler won a penalty after being tackled in the air (arguably a contentious decision, as Philip Irwin notes on this page) and Farrell kicked the three points that earned a series-leveling win, leaving it all to play for at Eden Park this Saturday.

Taking away the negatives for a moment, there is no arguing that this win for the Lions was a massive, massive statement of intent. The better team on the day, they deserved the result, and a win will give the players and management the filip they need for Saturday.

Momentum has been a key word of this tour since the get-go, and the Lions have it at the most crucial time, a date with destiny in a stadium where the All Blacks haven't lost since 1994.

The performances were immense, Alun Wyn Jones deflecting the criticism that came his way after the first test to deliver an outstanding shift, while the power and impact of Maro Itoje and captain Sam Warburton gave the team more propulsion at the breakdown and disrupted the All Blacks.

In the backs the decision to drop Ben Te'o and bring Owen Farrell in at inside centre, with Jonny Sexton moving to outside-half, paid off; Te'o was immensely unlucky to be the odd man out in that situation, and you have to query if the Sexton/Farrell axis will hold up to All Black scrutiny come Saturday.

Selection this week will be tricky for Warren Gatland and his coaches – after all, how do you change a winning team?

The answer is you have to adapt what you have and pick the players best suited for a gameplan that Gatland will feel is capable of inflicting a second straight defeat on the All Blacks, who will no doubt be keen not to fall to the Lions again.

As Gatland put it, "We've poked the bear". The question is now do these Lions have the roar and bite to finish the job off, or will the bear be too fired up and powerful?

We'll find out Saturday.

Could vital Lions' penalty set a dubious precedent?

Philip Irwin writes:

While I am as thrilled as the next man or woman that the series is going to a decider in Eden Park, I'm worried about the final Lions' penalty.

Murray's pass to Kyle Sinckler was higher than ideal, but he had no need to jump to catch it. Of course, if he had stretched out above his head to catch it, substitute prop Charlie Fuiimuana was all set for a crash tackle into his solar plexus.

As it was, I do think Fuiimuana was committed to the tackle and couldn't pull out. I thought Sinckler's outrage (which seemed to continue after the whistle) was a bit precious.

Would he have been outraged if his knee had caught the tackler in the face? Older readers may remember an incident involving JPR and Scottish wing Billy Steele which, I think, left JPR with a broken jaw.

However, the long term implications are worrying. What if backs start giving a slightly higher pass, so that the recipient can jump and catch it? The catcher would be untouchable, and his momentum would probably take him five yards over the gain line by the time he touched down. He could even be in the clear all the way to the line.

I can't help feeling that a few defence coaches might agree with me on this!



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